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**THE POOLS FOR
HONGKONG**

HONGKONG made no bones about its support for the football pools scheme last month and today's news that they will be permitted to operate here without monopoly rights will be widely welcomed. All the more so because Government's initial reaction suggested sceptical disapproval.

There were suggestions at the time that the Jockey Club was behind Government's opposition and the Jockey Club will undoubtedly welcome the exposure of such fallacy. It has little to fear from competition. The pools are conducted on a weekly basis and seem to require more patience than the average Chinese resident can give. Moreover prizes will be much smaller than the sweeps.

BUT they will undoubtedly be a popular local following and the promoters are apparently hoping to attract interest from other parts of Asia. The benefits to Government in taxation have already been dealt with, though possibly it does not look upon the prospects with the same optimism as the promoters.

The opponents of gambling also have no cause for complaint. The pools are in effect already here. In officially admitting them Government is only recognising this fact. It is also taking account of the vast gambling empire in its midst which it cannot control. Compared with this the pools are a drop in the ocean.

DRIVING TESTS

THE Police are to be congratulated for taking decisive action to regulate driving tests. Under the previous system, licences could be bought and though it will never be known whether the incidence of corruption was large or small the stricter tests proposed should at least ensure that only the more competent learners pass.

The importance of this is as much a reason for fool-proofing the test as the elimination of possible corruption in the Police Force. The road toll and proceedings in court show how often new licence holders are involved in accidents.

THE numbers applying for tests in spite of the waiting time defy explanation unless it is that the complexities of the local traffic situation and particularly parking make a driving licence a valuable asset, not only for a wife, chauffeur and garage mechanic, but house boy, car-cleaner and parking attendant. For job-hunters it is a valuable qualification — like night school English and typewriting.

The hope is that despite the expense of testing applicants and the employment of civilian examiners, no restriction will be placed on the issue of provisional licences. But it might ease the Colony's traffic problems somewhat if the tests were decentralised and carried out in Shaikwan, North Point, Pokfulam and various outlying areas of Kowloon instead of the over-congested central districts.

LIFTS STOP, TRAMS STOP, OFFICES, SHOPS IN DARKNESS BLACKOUT DISRUPTS CITY

Hospital Lights Go Out During Operation

By CHINA MAIL REPORTERS

Hundreds of panic-stricken people were trapped in lifts for periods up to 20 minutes when a sudden electrical breakdown paralysed Hongkong Island this morning.

HOLIDAY WATER SUPPLY

The hours of water supply will be increased over Christmas and the New Year holidays.

The Water Authority announced this morning that all districts will receive a continuous supply on Christmas day from 6 a.m. until 10.30 p.m.

On New Year's Eve all districts will receive a supply from 4.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. but those areas already on a morning supply will also get water from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

On New Year's Day a continuous supply of water will be available in all districts from 6 a.m. to 10.30 p.m.

—NOW IT'S TELEVISION COLLAPSE

London, Dec. 23. The Lancet, medical weekly, said today doctors now recognised several forms of acute "television collapse."

Simple faints by viewers — and our drivers — could be caused by venous thrombosis due to prolonged immobility in an awkward position, it added.

Addicts were recommended to remove all tight clothing before getting down to the evening session.

They should get up once an hour and move round the room.

Another symptom of the times, known as "television neck," was due to watching for too long time from a chair at a wrong height.

A flickering screen could start a fit for a person susceptible to epilepsy.

And the Lancet mentioned the case of a schizophrenic patient who manifested command automatism during commercial programmes: An invocation to use a certain hair tonic accompanied by a demonstration.

This resulted in the patient scooping water from a nearby fish bowl and applying it to his hair. —China Mail Special.

TRAIN BROKE IN TWO

London, Dec. 23. An express travelling at 70 mph ran off the rails and broke in two last May after running over an eight-inch gap in one rail, an official report said today.

The shock impact of a wheel travelling at 70 mph on the broken rail was believed to have caused the rail to swing outwards derailing the rest of the Rembrandt Coast Express from London at Slough, Buckinghamshire.

The break in the rail was caused by corrosion and metal fatigue.

A gauger was criticised for not noticing during an inspection beforehand that it was cracked.

Though the derailment severely damaged the track only four passengers and two railwaymen were slightly injured. —Reuters.

The breakdown occurred at 10.53 a.m., bringing trams to a standstill and plunging city offices and buildings into darkness.

Doctors at Queen Mary Hospital were half way through conducting a minor operation on a woman when the power failed and threw the theatre into darkness.

They skillfully improvised for about a minute before the hospital's emergency power was switched on.

A hospital spokesman said later that the breakdown could have had tragic results if the operation had been serious.

Current was restored 20 minutes after the failure but some lifts were out of order for more than half an hour.

Statement

Shortly before noon a spokesman for the Hongkong Electric Company said:—

"Power supplies to the city and central districts were interrupted at 10.53 a.m. due to the sudden failure of one of the units at the generating station in North Point. Supply was restored after a period of 20 minutes. Any inconvenience to our consumers is regretted."

He explained that the city and central district area included Morrison Hill, West Point, Queen Mary Hospital and Aberdeen.

He described the failure as the generating station as "an operational failure—serious in its effect."

Forced To Walk

Tram services were not restored to normal until 12.30 p.m. and lunch time traffic was seriously affected.

Thousands of puzzled passengers left their trams and were forced to walk to their destinations.

The tram stoppage caused motor traffic to jam all the main streets.

In one section of Queen's Rd. dozens of cars had choked the centre of the road and traffic was at a complete standstill for half an hour.

Trams were held up in four areas during the power failure: In Sharp Street, Wanchai, Chiu Lung Street, and Sutherland Street.

Worst effect of the blackout came when all electrical powered elevators in the middle of the island jammed between floors.

In one building more than 30 people were trapped in three lifts for 15 minutes.

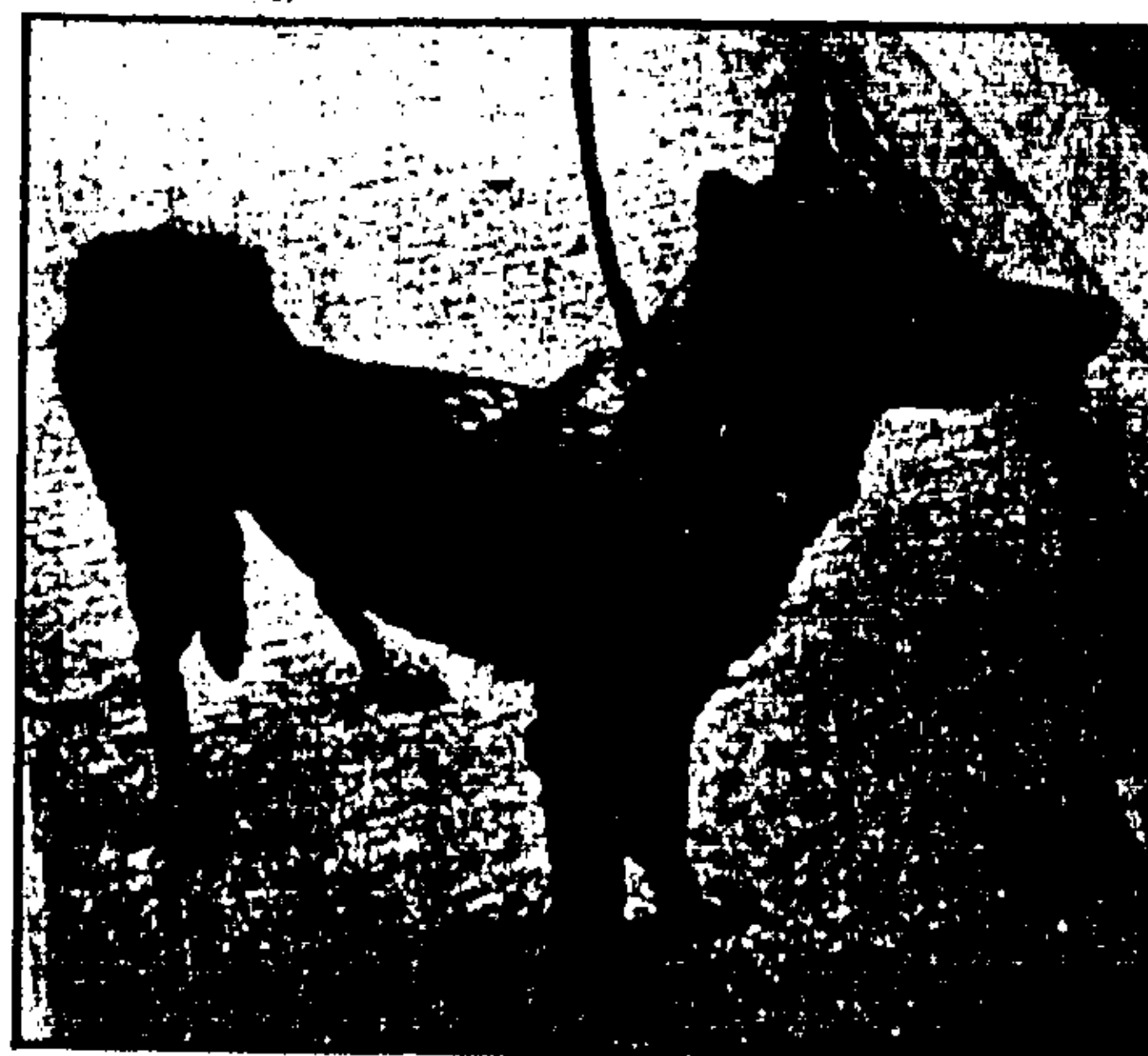
When the lifts were finally restored to working, two women were near collapse and had almost become hysterical.

Traffic Snarl

Every available policeman on the island was swung into action to help clear the traffic snarl which resulted from the tram stoppage.

The noon edition of the China Mail was delayed about half an hour by the blackout when linotype and heading making machines were put out of commission.

As a result a restricted edition was published.



'Catchwater' Eats And Eats And Eats

"Catchwater," the 10-month-old Alaskan dog, is a very good looking animal, but he was badly emaciated after being trapped in the catchwater, as the above photo shows.

"We fed him on arrowroot and oatmeal, and he did not stop eating, he was so hungry."

When he gets a little weight on, he will be fed meat.

SPCA workers nicknamed him "Catchwater" for the time he stayed in their Beaconfield Arcade office.

"If the dog is owned by somebody, I would like to know why it was not licensed and why his disappearance was not mentioned to the Police," Mr Howell said.

"Catchwater" was rescued over the weekend by HKSPCA officers in one of the catchwaters leading into Tsimshui reservoir. He was seen trapped on Friday, and after three hours of manoeuvring on Saturday morning he was eventually cornered and taken to the HKSPCA office.

I Was Considerably Surprised, Govt Official Tells Court

Mr J. L. Murray, Director of Government Information Services and a member of the board of the Hongkong Tourist Association, said in Victoria District Court this morning that the decision to make "Around and About Hongkong" the official Association guidebook, came as a considerable surprise to him.

The matter was brought to his notice, he said, "By people outside the Association, and he had told the enquirers: 'Frankly, this is news to me. It was not discussed at any board meeting of the Association.'"

Mr Murray who was a subpoenaed witness, gave evidence at the hearing of a libel action in which Mrs Beatrice Church, chairman and managing director of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau Ltd., is being sued for \$5,000—damages, and costs, following a letter she wrote to the Hongkong Tiger Standard, and which was published on June 30.

Parts of the letter are held to be libellous by the plaintiffs, the A. and A. Co., who publish the Hongkong Tourist Association's official guidebook.

QUESTIONED

Questioned by Mrs Church's counsel, Mr O. V. Cheung, Mr Murray said that the matter of the official guidebook had first been brought up at an Association board meeting on July 6. Prior to that nothing had been mentioned about the idea.

Judge K. R. Macfay asked witness if the board meeting on July 6 had been to ratify the appointment of the official guidebook, which they had seen from letters produced in court was sometime between May 30 and June 6. Mr Murray said this was correct.

Defending Counsel asked Mr Murray if people outside the Tourist Association were the first to inform him of the appointment.

"Correct," witness replied. "Mrs Church herself rang me,

U.S. Expects HK To Adopt Textile Quota

Washington, Dec. 22.

Mr Henry Kearns, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, said today he had hoped to be able to report that Hongkong had adopted a system of voluntary controls on its textile exports to the United States.

But the expected decision had not yet transpired, he told a press conference. "So I cannot say that I accomplished a dream of a lot in Hongkong."

Mr Kearns spent five days in Hongkong last month during a tour of the Far East, South Asia and the Middle East to discuss trade issues.

CONCERN

United States manufacturers have become increasingly concerned in recent years at what they describe as a flood of cheap textile imports from Hongkong. Some congressmen have supported the domestic industry's demands for import quotas.

Mr Kearns told the press conference: "I was not greeted in Hongkong exactly with the greatest enthusiasm in the world."

"I was told they were all set to see me—they were not," he said.

"I was in hopes that I would be able to announce to you today that the Hongkong people have adopted a policy of orderly

marketing". But although he had hoped the decision would be taken yesterday it had not yet been forthcoming.

SUGGESTION

"My theme there was this: That I could not in conscience suggest that they reduce their total exports to the United States but I did think it would be wise for them to reduce their concentration on a certain number of types," Mr Kearns said.

He said in answer to questions that he was talking about Hongkong's textile exports. "I thought it would be wise for the Hongkong people to do the same as the Japanese," he said.

Japan has operated since 1937 a voluntary export quota scheme whereby exports of specific types of cotton textiles to the U.S. market are limited to as not to bear too heavily on the American domestic industry.

Mr Kearns said he had expected the Hongkong Government to establish a similar system of voluntary limitation by categories "realising that moderation in shipments would be more satisfactory to them."

ONE PROBLEM

He said one problem was that the Hongkong Government had said it would be unable to police such a control system unless more than half the textile firms concerned joined the main association of manufacturers exporting to the United States.

Statement In Near Future

A leading exporter and a Government spokesman told the China Mail this morning that the industry was still working on a suggested quota agreement and that a statement "would be issued in the near future."

He said that at the time he was in Hongkong this was not the case, since many of the businesses were in Chinese hands "and they would not cooperate."

Mr Kearns said that he had received extremely good treatment from the press in each of the nine countries he visited with the exception of Hongkong.

He said with a smile: "The Hongkong press is just a little difficult to understand."

He spoke of "reading the paper in the morning to see what the story is and whether it came from you or someone else." He circulated at the press conference a Chinese language Hongkong newspaper containing pictures of him accompanied by highly critical captions.—Reuters.

DARING THEFT

San Francisco, Dec. 23. A bandit held up a jewellery store during the dinner hour last night and escaped with jewels valued at \$300,000 to \$350,000.

The bandit, described as well dressed and very handsome, by J. M. Brown, manager of Paul de Vries-Louis and company, jewellers, escaped with an employee as hostage who was later released.

The robber said he had a gun in his pocket and brandished it which he said contained explosives. He escaped in a waiting car.—AP.

Mining Company Move Against Govt

Mountain Lead Mines Ltd have started proceedings against the Hongkong Government, Mr J. L. Marden revealed today.

Chairman of Metal Industries Corporation Ltd, Mr Marden told the annual meeting: "In connection with our investment in Mountain Lead Mines Ltd, I would inform you that our Associates have been pressing the Government for compensation in respect of the Government's action in refusing to renew their prospecting licence and, having received no satisfaction in the matter, have initiated proceedings against the Hongkong Government."

60 Die In Air Tragedy

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 22.

More than 60 people are feared dead after two planes crashed in mid-air over this city and plunged flaming on houses below.

A Viscount airliner of Vianao Aeroc, Sao Paulo flying from Rio to Sao Paulo with 28 passengers and six crew was in collision with a military trainer aircraft whose pilot parachuted to safety. The dead aboard the airliner included a baby and two air hostesses.

The wreckage of the two planes plummeted in flames on to seven houses, four of which were destroyed.

Bodies were seen falling from the blazing wreckage as the Viscount screamed down.

It is thought another 30 people may have died in the flaming houses below. Army helicopters were being used to pick up bodies, which were spread over a wide area. Six children living in one house are missing.

Eyewitnesses here said "numerous bodies" were laid out in the Avenida Brasil, main road to the international airport.

An eyewitness said the pilot of the trainer parachuted to safety after the two planes collided. The trainer burst into flames, exploded and crashed.

Major Holdup

The Avenida Brasil, which is the approach to most main roads leading into or out of Rio, was partially closed by police, causing a major traffic holdup.

Later it was officially announced that 10 people were buried under the debris of three houses razed by the falling wreckage and several people walking along the street were also struck. But officials could not give the exact number of dead.

Seven people were being treated in a nearby hospital and two are in a serious condition according to radio reports.

Bodies were seen falling from the blazing wreckage as the airliner plummeted to the ground after the collision.—Reuters.

IKE BACK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 23. President Eisenhower returned late last night from his historic "peace and friendship" mission to a cheering welcome from official and unofficial Washington and a hearty "well done" from political friend and foe.

The President's jetliner landed at Andrews Air Force Base after a flight of about 10 hours from Casablanca, the last stop on his arduous 19-day, 23,000-mile tour of 11 nations.

The plane was 35 minutes behind schedule because the tremendous crowd which turned out to welcome Eisenhower at Casablanca on Tuesday morning threw the presidential timetable off.—UPI.

NO DISCUSSION

"No, there was no such discussion," witness replied.

"Were enquiries about the appointment of the guidebook, from tourist agents and so on, a surprise to you?" asked Mr Cheung.

"A very considerable surprise to me," Mr Murray said.

Earlier Mr W. C. G. Knowles, chairman of the Hongkong Tourist Association, testified that the appointment of an official Association guidebook had not been discussed at a board meeting of the Association before July 6. Major Stanley had earlier discussed the matter with him personally however.

BEST ONE

At first Mr Knowles was unable to remember the letter, but when it was shown to him he said as far as he could remember he had seen it after it had been sent out. He had approved it, however. The matter of the appointment of an official guidebook had not been mentioned to him until about two weeks before this letter, when Major Stanley had spoken of it.

Counsel asked if Major Stanley had made any recommendations to witness regarding an

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Mac On Berlin Issue

DENIES ALLIES UNABLE
TO REACH AGREEMENT

London, Dec. 22. The Prime Minister, Mr Macmillan, said on arrival here from the Paris conference, it was "absolutely untrue" that the Western Allies had been unable to reach agreement on a policy over West Berlin.

He said the position was that the West had reaffirmed that international agreements could not be unilaterally changed. But this did not mean there could not be negotiations to get them adjusted.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd told a questioner the West would prefer to have permanent settlement on the whole German problem and if this met with difficulties it might be worth while investigating an interim settlement.

SUMMIT TALKS

Mr Macmillan said he thought an East-West summit meeting could probably not last more than four or five days. He hoped that at such problems as East-West relations, Germany and disarmament could be discussed.

Asked whether he believed that something would come out of the East-West talks, Mr Macmillan said "of course they will go well." Adding that if one did not believe that things could go well, one would not try.

He believed people were now "more relaxed" than at this time last year when the West was faced with a Russian ultimatum ending in six months.

DIFFERENT

He said there was now "a completely different atmosphere."

In a prepared statement, the Prime Minister spoke of his pleasure at meeting "old friends"—President Eisenhower, General de Gaulle and Dr. Adenauer.

He described President Eisenhower's world tour as "really spectacular."

Reports from Paris indicate the United States stands by its offer to the Soviets at Geneva last summer of a step-by-step settlement for Berlin.

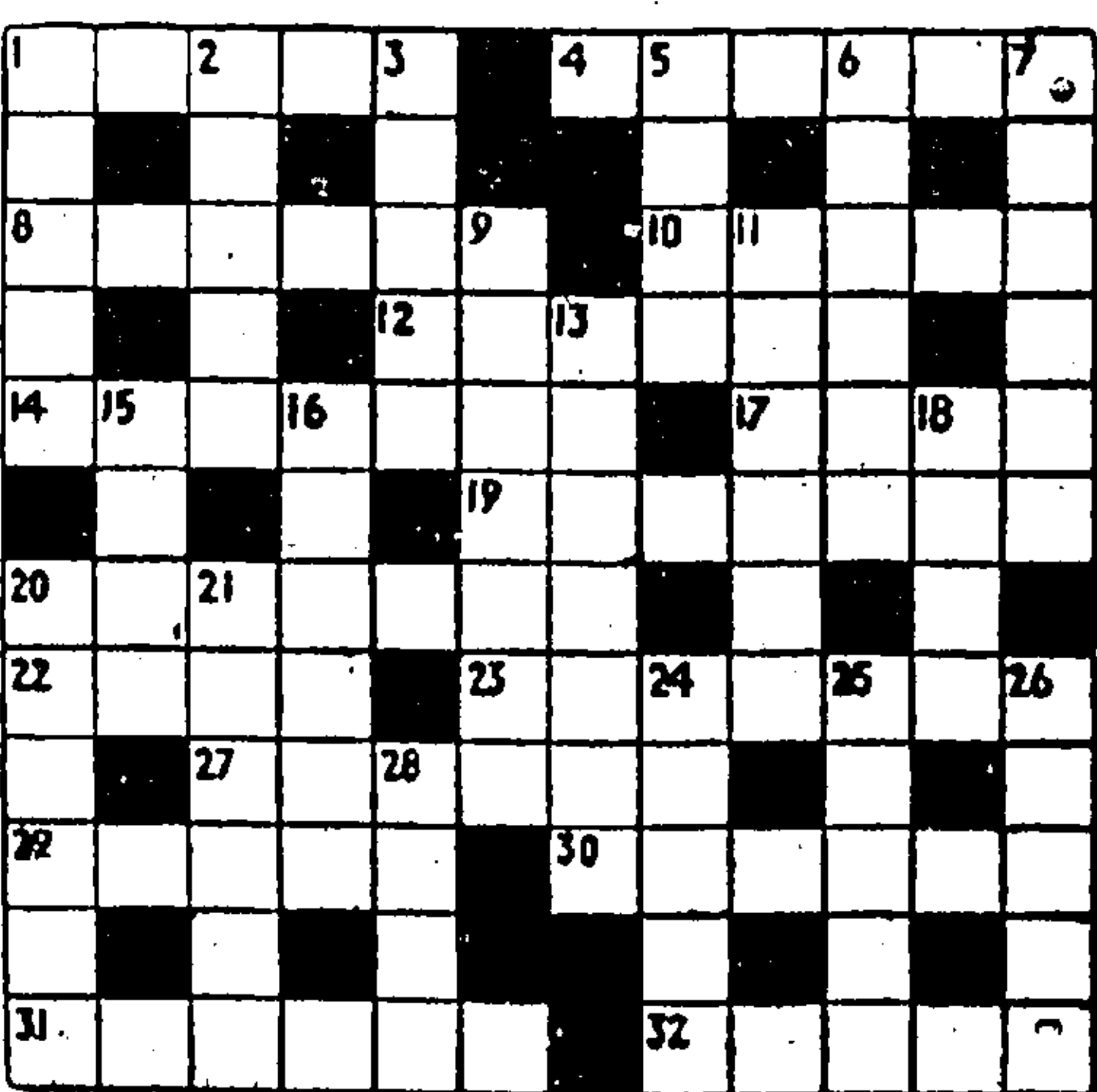
Contrary to some reports, the U.S. did not propose to withdraw the Western "concessions" made at the Geneva Foreign Ministers' conference. The West German sentiment had been that any further Berlin negotiations should start "from scratch."

—Reuters and UPI.

STOLEN

Brawley, Calif., Dec. 22. Nightclub stripper Ann La Mont, 24, told Sheriff's deputies today the expected doing her act would be "kind of inconvenient" for a while. She said her costumes were stolen from her dressing room.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Souls, perhaps, quite alone (6).
- 4 Goes round the edges of feminine garments (8).
- 8 Trailed soldiers keep it (2, 4).
- 10 The heathen element in propaganda (5).
- 12 Pleases? (6).
- 14 Is it difficult to cut? (4, 8).
- 17 Katherine the Less (4).
- 19 Legal recompense (7).
- 20 S.A. but not South Africa! (7).
- 22 Possibly Jean girl (4).
- 23 Title of renown was John Glyn (7).
- 27 Enchanting warblers (6).
- 29 Uplands (5).
- 30 Opening movement (6).
- 31 Difficult as the result of wild capers? (6).
- 32 One way to make a cut (5).

DOWN

- 1 Forger? (5).
- 2 He's not the first (5).
- 3 Clip or produce one (3).
- 5 Military headwear or pike, perhaps (4).
- 6 And bobtail (6).
- 7 Burns slightly (6).
- 9 Turn out for Mussolini (7).
- 11 African soldier (6).
- 13 It's simply ripping! (7).
- 15 Can (4).
- 16 Territory (6).
- 18 Head of France (4).
- 20 She's always a lady at heart (6).
- 21 Perhaps a lemon? (6).
- 24 Ex-empire (5).
- 26 Animal crossing the road (5).
- 28 Nick (5).
- 29 Brief reply request (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Aphorism, 6 Pods, 9 Non-plus, 11 Concerns, 13 Ogre, 16 Indigent, 18 Hateless, 19 Crux, 21 Allowing, 25 Napoleon, 26 Lear, 27 Norseman. Down: 1 Epic, 2 Eden, 4 Pier, 5 Alps, 6 Ising, 7 There, 8 Neigh, 10 Anon, 12 Owner, 14 Resin, 16 Eagle, 17 Ten-on, 19 Can-on, 20 Upstart, 21 Al-o-o, 22 Lola, 23 Iced, 24 Garb.

Policeman Tells How
He Shot
Premier's Assassin

Colombo, Dec. 22.

A Police constable told the resumed inquiry into the murder of Mr Solomon Bandaranaike here today that he had shot at point-blank range a monk pointed out to him as the Prime Minister's assassin.

Constable H. Samarakoon, told the Chief Colombo Magistrate that he was on duty at the main gate of the Prime Minister's house here on September 25 when he heard shots.

He rushed into the house where an elderly gentleman pointed out to him a monk who, he said, had shot Mr Bandaranaike.

The constable said that, as the monk was then standing, he went down on one knee and fired one shot from his rifle hitting the monk in the groin.

IDENTIFIED

He identified the monk today as Sonarama Thero, who is charged with the Prime Minister's murder. Six others are accused with him of conspiracy to murder.

Constable Samarakoon said he took charge of the revolver, wrapped in a handkerchief, which the monk was said to have used, and telephoned the police. Before he could get a reply, Mr Sidney De Zoysa, Deputy Inspector General of Police, arrived, and he handed over the revolver and handkerchief to him.

Earlier today, Mr Duncan W. De Alwis, the late Prime Minister's private secretary, said under cross-examination that he was aware that there was a Cabinet crisis last May. A number of ministers were against Mr Philip Gunawardene,

a Marxist, continuing as a minister. Among them were Stanley De Zoysa, the Finance Minister, and Mrs Vimala Wijewardene, who is one of those accused of conspiring.

HEARD SHOTS

Mr Barrie Shelton Carville, a lawyer, an advocate and a brother-in-law of Mr Bandaranaike, said he was inside the House on September 25 when he heard shots. When he entered the drawing room he saw the Prime Minister coming in holding his side.

A Buddhist monk was close behind, sleeping and leveling a revolver. Mrs Bandaranaike shouted and rushed in between the Prime Minister and the monk and held the monk by his robes.

The Prime Minister turned towards the monk, brushed Mrs Bandaranaike aside, and tried to grapple with the monk, but the monk eluded him. Another person eventually tackled the monk and forced him to the ground. — Reuters.

American
Troops
To Leave
Morocco

Ike's Promise

Casablanca, Dec. 22. A joint communique issued when President Eisenhower's visit here ended said the talks with King Mohammed were held in "an atmosphere of cordiality characteristic of the relations resulting from traditional friendship."

The two leaders "expressed their satisfaction at the international détente and reaffirmed their faith in the great values of the freedom of peoples and the dignity of men."

SATISFACTION

The two heads of state noted with great satisfaction "the positive character of the political evolution of the Algerian problem and rejoiced in the progress accomplished towards a peaceful solution of this problem by the acceptance by the two interested parties of the principles of self-determination and the recourse to consultation."

The communique said "preliminary measures for the departure of American forces from Morocco will begin in the immediate future" so that American forces would be withdrawn at the end of 1963.

In this perspective, immediate measures would be taken to hand back the aerodrome of Ben Slimane. This would be realized at the latest by March 31, 1960.—Reuters.

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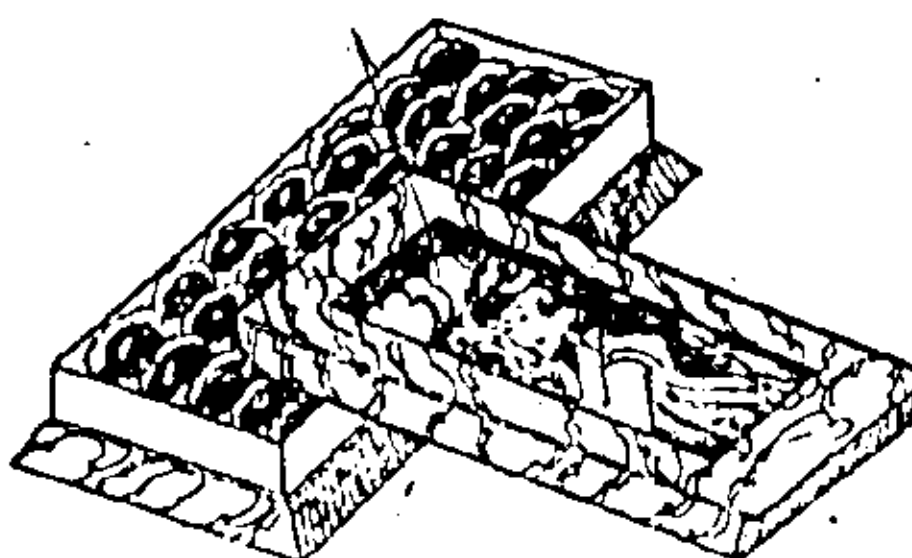
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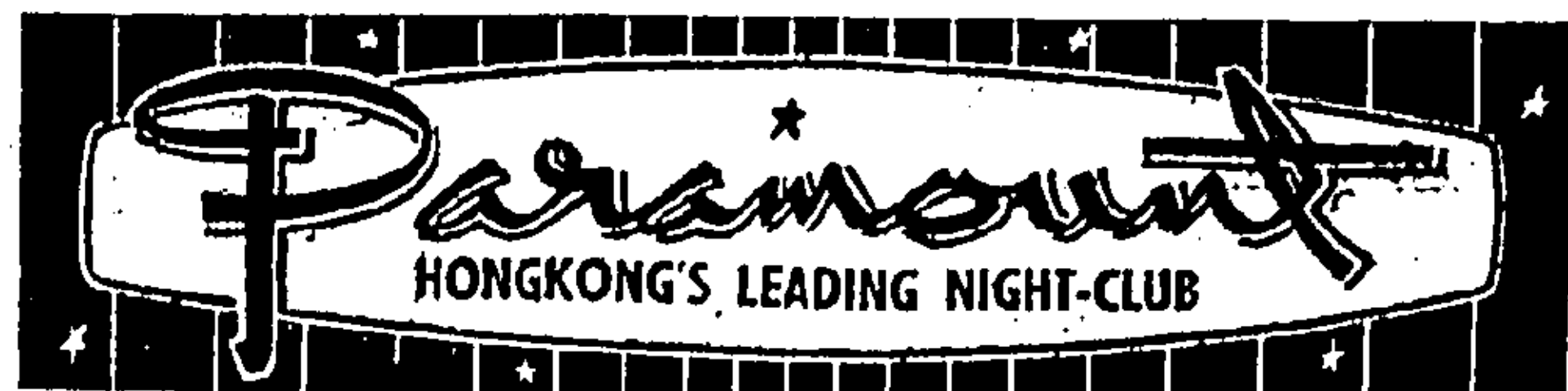
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MRS. BEATRICE CHURCH (Mrs. Church) and her family, including her husband, Mr. Church, and their children, are moving to a new home at 111, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. They are leaving their old home at 111, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, and are moving to a new home at 111, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. They are leaving their old home at 111, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, and are moving to a new home at 111, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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Special Care For Drunkards During Celebrations

By RONALD P. KRISS

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

Police had hoped to have two special stations to care for drunks working by Christmas. It seems they will not, but they will be ready in time for the cherry blossom season next spring, when celebrations are almost as gay as at Christmas.

By then Tokyo's alcoholics will be among the world's most pampered people. The inebriates will be gently guided to one of the stations and put under the care of a four-man staff.

First, a courteous desk sergeant will check them in, take their home address and phone number, to get in touch with relatives and look up valuables. Then a self-spoken, but firm, patrolman will see them to their rooms, each a comfortable 10 feet by a foot, and station himself in the corridor outside to make sure nobody wanders out and hurts himself.

The rooms will have soft beds, running water, incense, and a television set.

NOTICE

VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE

The Vehicular Ferry Service will be extended up to 3.00 a.m. on the mornings after the following dates:

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• BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

DISGRACEFUL scenes marred the Old Narkoverian dinner at a West End restaurant the other night. Dr. Stuart-Allick was in the chair, and, after the third course, an unknown sleeper was under it.

The request that there should be no card-playing before the speeches was ignored, and only those with cheap and shoddy cuff-links emerged unscathed from the snatching started by a company director. Any old boy who laid down his cigar for a moment did so at his own risk. One late arrival brought an actress with him, saying she was his old girl. The pineloches detectives were helpless as their drink had been mixed by a very old boy. Five of them were relieved of their wallets. So great was the confusion that three of the speeches were made simultaneously but the few who noticed this merely continued to sing songs in doubtful taste.

Du cote de chez McGurgle

MOVING with the times, Mrs. McGurgle has returned to her old home, "Chez McGurgle," 101, an advertisement in a morning paper.

Chez McGurgle: 15 seconds sea. Running water in bathroom. Best English cuisine. Kitchen in charge of late maître-chef des cuisines at Dinwiddie's Dive, Umptin. Send hipings hit price. Write McGurgle, Bottle-on-Sea.

Mrs. Wretch rides again?

THE great Wugwell, proprietor of Wugwell's Circus, has never abandoned hope of having Mrs. Wretch, once Zabuola of Wugwell's, back to the ring. Every year, as Christmas approaches, she and Colonel Wretch live in terror of a visit from her old associates. Mrs. Wretch began in a humble capacity as the girl in the nightgown and spangles who balanced a bottle of port on the ape's head. She worked her way up, and ended as the Equestrian Thunderbolt, who rode two horses (one leg on each) through a fiery hoop. Her husband has never forgotten the day when he entered his drawing-room to find Anselmo the Snake-Man twining himself round chair-legs and hissing at Mrs. Wretch who was cowering in a corner. She had just refused to rejoin for a week.

—(London Express Service).

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kitty defies the bandits



Hanging firmly on to her tiny, impoverished banana plantation just south of Nkong-samba on the British Cameroons border is Kitty O'Connor.—Express Photo.

REDHEAD WIDOW FARMS BANANAS WITH A PISTOL

From DONALD WISE

Douala (French Cameroons).

In the middle of a vicious guerilla war that the world knows almost nothing about I have found a brave, red-haired Irishwoman trying to scrape a living from a neglected banana estate.

As the war, waged with cut-throats, machetes, Czech revolvers, and machineguns, goes on in the hardwood forests and midwestern banana groves around her, Kitty O'Connor, who lived for years in Glasgow, goes to work with a pistol at her side. Kitty, now Madame Martine, widow of a French planter, is 39 years old.

To find her I had to drive myself north by night past wrecked cars and army patrols. After 60 miles I found Kitty sleeping in the police post at Penja, just south of Nkong-samba on the border of the British Cameroons.

It is her only concession to the war. Every day she gets out her workers at 6.30 a.m. and spends the next eight hours on her 134-acre farm from which she should be making money from coffee, bananas, and hardwood. I say should because Kitty is broke. So broke in fact that she has not even got her air fare home.

Her husband Jose, whom she married at Nantes in 1951, died of heart failure a year later. The farm, sitting in a hollow, was hotter than a Turkish bath and we ran with perspiration. Yet Kitty, with death staring her in the face throughout the

hours of daylight, did her best to be chirpy. "The Bamilekes are not as bad as they look," she said. "This tribe—one-sixth of the French Cameroons population of three and a quarter million—is the heart of the terrorist movement which is fighting the pro-French Government of Premier Ahlde."

DETERMINED
Relatives have offered to pay Kitty's fare home.

"I am determined to win," she said. "The bandits are led by Felix Moumbe, pro-Communist leader of the outlawed Cameroons Party which wants the British and French Cameroons united under an independent Government."

Recently 1,000 bandits set up road blocks round the town of Bafang north of Kitty's property, beheaded two French Fathers, mutilated nuns, and completely sacked a mission hospital.

Later, they cut to pieces a French planter within a few hundred yards of Kitty's house. Securely fortified with 20 of them. The other night another man was shot dead.

But Kitty, who lived at Cambridge Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, is determined. "I hate being afraid, but it is my duty to stay here," she said. "But her neighbour, Gerald Scott, from Shanklin, Isle of Wight, said: 'Look at the place. She could give it away.' Scott spends as much time as he can away from his own estate to help Kitty."

The French Cameroons attain independence on January 1. The British Cameroons have elected to stay with Britain.

CURFEW
The whole of the French territory is under dusk to dawn curfew, the banana business is ruined, the dead lie rotting in the forests.

Yet, believe it or not, many of our headquarters of a million Cameroons people want later to join this shambles, probably greatly influenced by the killers who have been operating from bases in our territory against the French.

Egged on by Cairo radio they are armed with weapons landed also in our territory by boats from either Nkrumah's Ghana, the Guinea Republic of Sekou Toure, or possibly even from the Russian, tummy fishing fleet mother ships operating in the Gulf of Guinea.

What now? Will the French police and troops stay on to save from holocaust a country that has no intention of staying within the French community? No one knows. "Wonder who caught it last night," Kitty and Gerald Scott asked each other when they met at dawn the other day.

—(London Express Service).

MAIL Notices

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Philippines, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand & Fiji, 3 p.m.
Guam, 3 p.m.
India, Egypt, Aden, 6 p.m.
North Borneo, Sarawak, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Macao, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, India, Ceylon, Noon.
Burma, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, Noon.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand & Fiji, 3 p.m.
Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
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Macao, 1 p.m.
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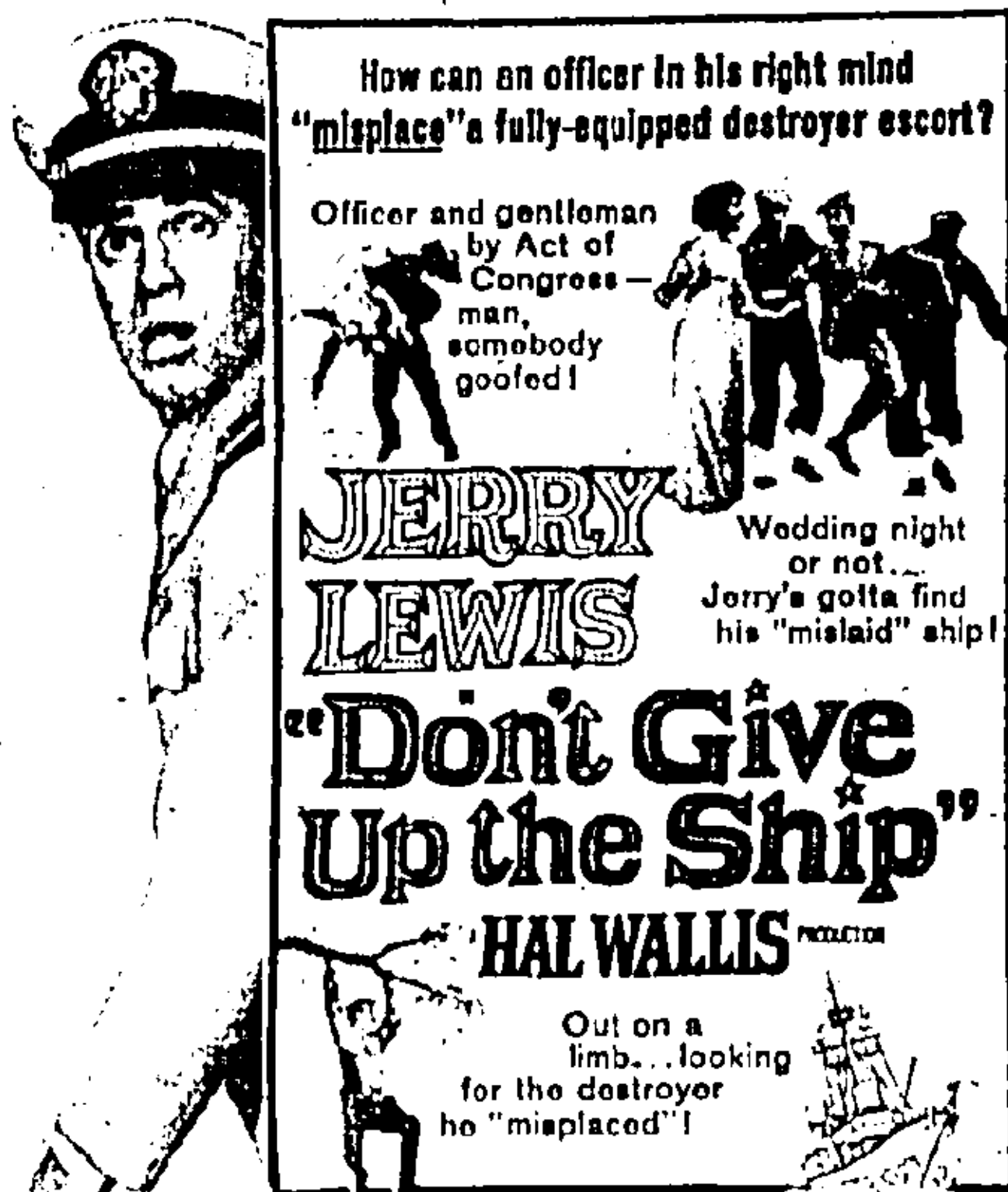
GENERAL HOLIDAY
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Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., 8 a.m.
Vietnam, Cambodia, France, 9 a.m.
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Philippines, Dutch New Guinea, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, 3 p.m.
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China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

TARGET

How many of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square in the center of each word. In each of the small squares may be placed only one letter. Each word must contain the large letter in the center square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals, no foreign words, no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 13 words, 20 letters, very good, 23 words, excellent. SOLUTION: 1. Hour, 2. Hour, 3. Hour, 4. Hour, 5. Hour, 6. Hour, 7. Hour, 8. Hour, 9. Hour, 10. Hour, 11. Hour, 12. Hour, 13. Hour, 14. Hour, 15. Hour, 16. Hour, 17. Hour, 18. Hour, 19. Hour, 20. Hour, 21. Hour, 22. Hour, 23. Hour, 24. Hour, 25. Hour, 26. Hour, 27. Hour, 28. Hour, 29. Hour, 30. Hour, 31. Hour, 32. Hour, 33. Hour, 34. Hour, 35. Hour, 36. Hour, 37. Hour, 38. Hour, 39. Hour, 40. Hour, 41. Hour, 42. Hour, 43. Hour, 44. Hour, 45. Hour, 46. Hour, 47. Hour, 48. Hour, 49. Hour, 50. Hour, 51. Hour, 52. Hour, 53. Hour, 54. Hour, 55. Hour, 56. Hour, 57. Hour, 58. Hour, 59. Hour, 60. 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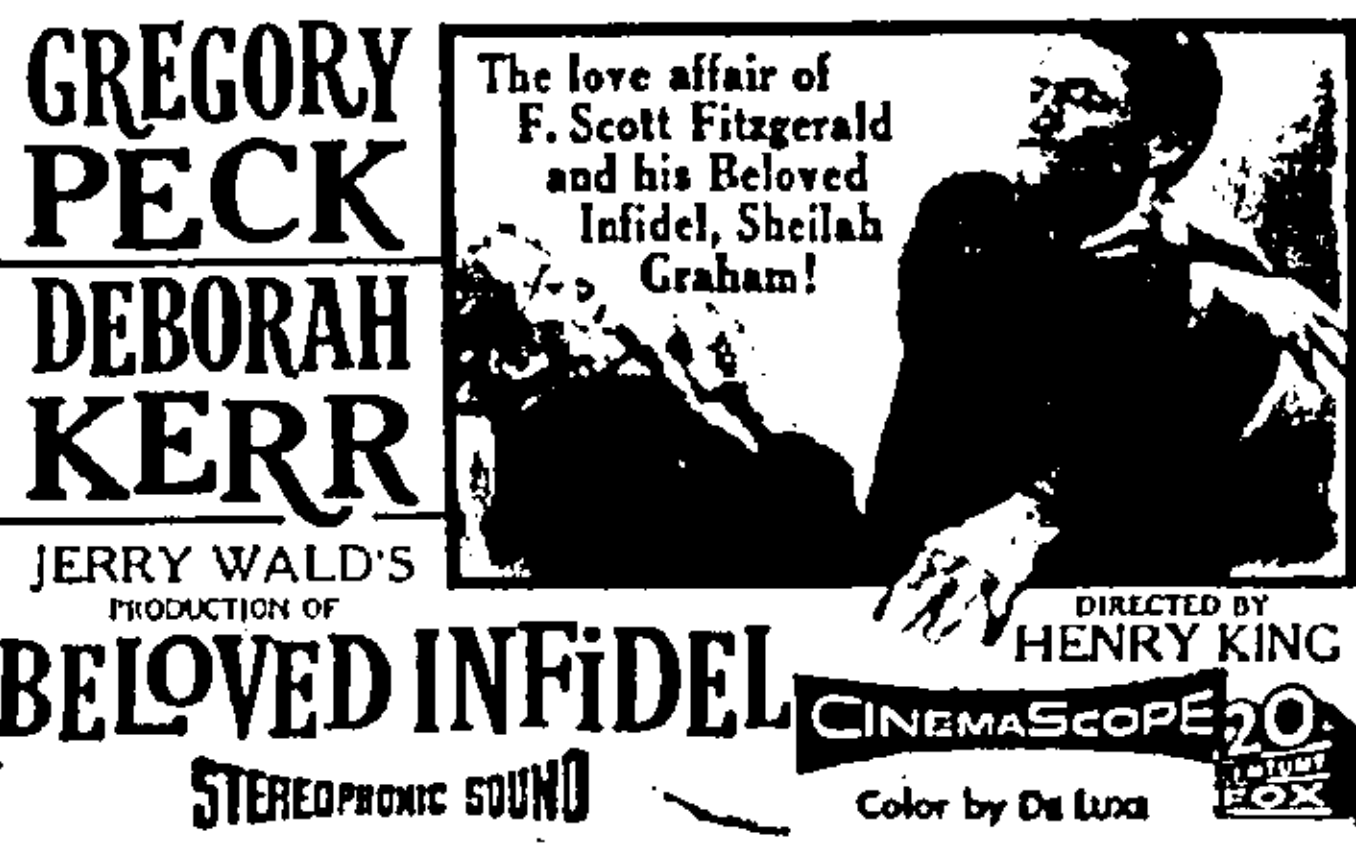
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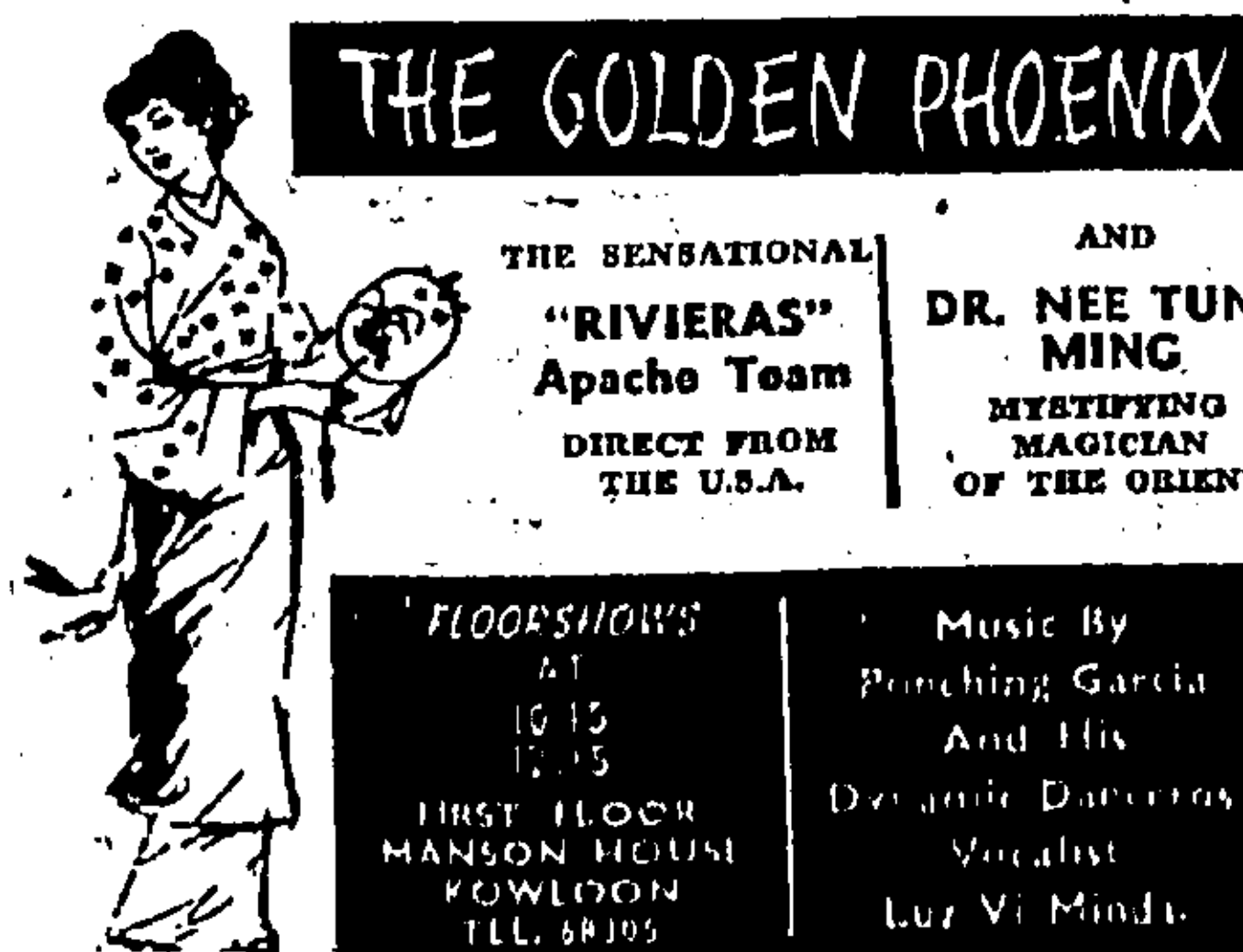
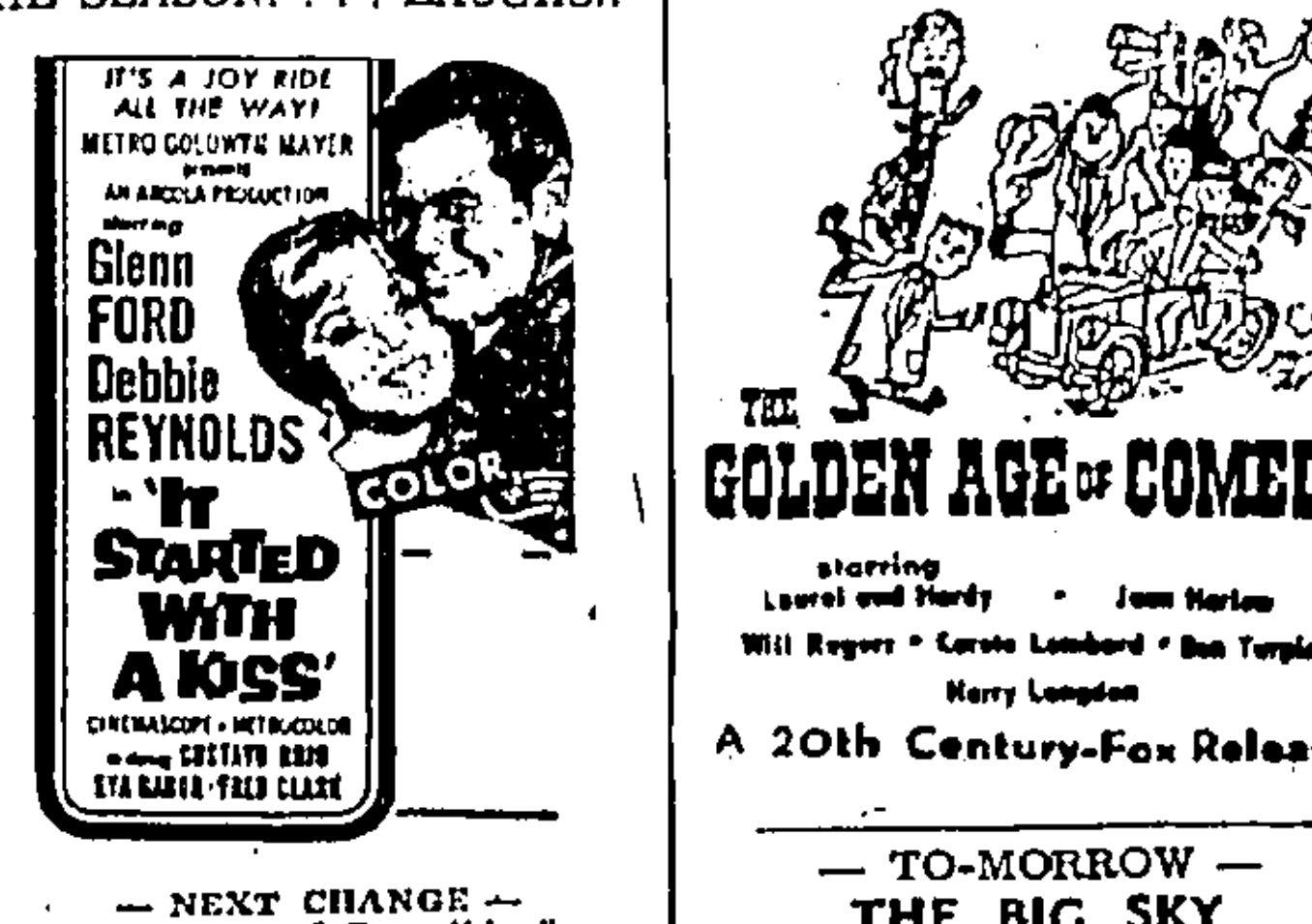


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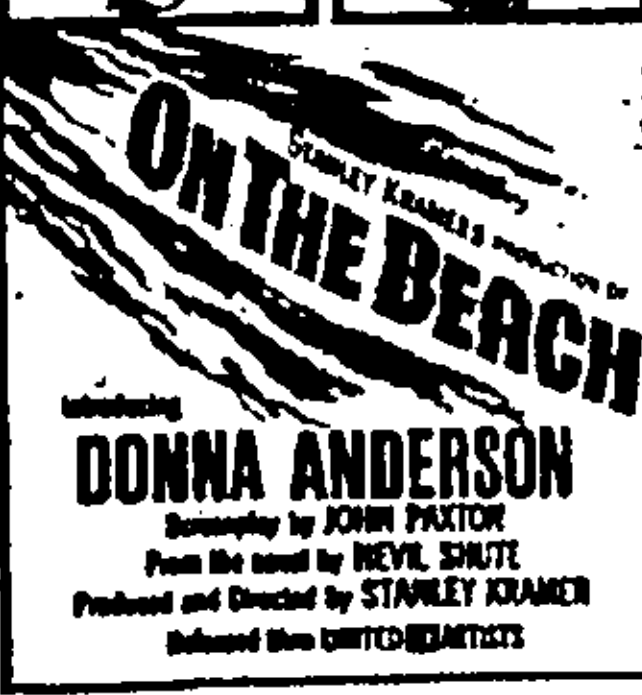
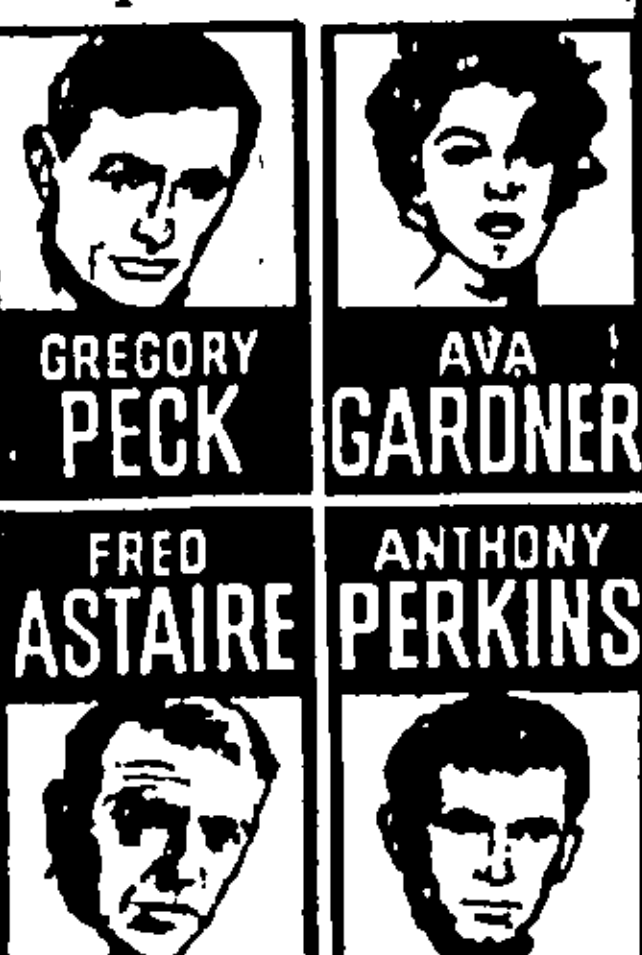
Bonn, Dec. 22.
In a warm expression of gratitude, more than 80 German families have invited one or more British soldiers to spend Christmas with them.
Many more soldiers have accepted invitations privately.
This follows the participation by more than 530 British soldiers in a big rescue operation after two blocks of flats had been destroyed by an explosion in Dortmund earlier this month, killing 26 people.
The British troops were first on the scene.—China Mail Special.

Twin Stayed At Home

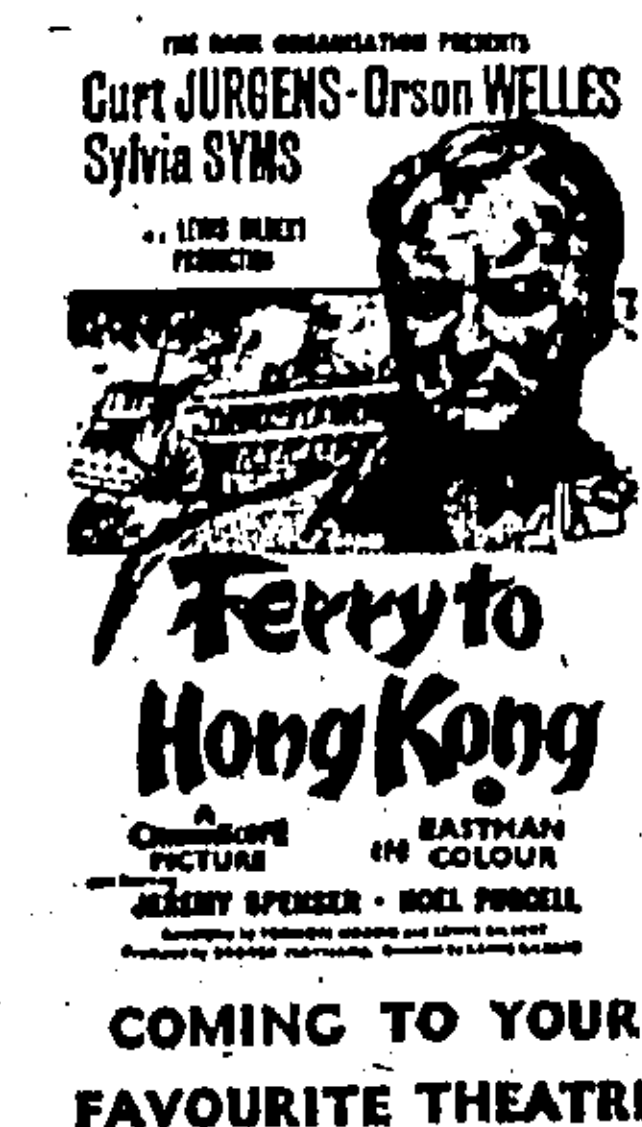
London, Dec. 22.
Babs Beverley, one of three singing sisters, told the Daily Herald today why she didn't go along on her twin sister Teddy's honeymoon as planned.
"So many people looked at me strangely when I said I would join them that I thought I'd better forget the idea," the Herald quoted her.
"Personally, I couldn't see anything wrong in it," she said.—UPI.

NEW YEAR ATTRACTION. AT KING'S & PRINCESS

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'My Fair Lady' Boosts GBS Estate

London, Dec. 22.
The success of "My Fair Lady" musical version of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," has brought considerable income to his estate.
Sir Edward Boyle, Financial Secretary to the Treasury told the House of Commons that the trustees of the British Museum, one of the three legatees of the estate, was receiving about £2,000 a month. The total received so far was just over £163,024.
The other legatees are the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and the National Gallery of Ireland.
Sir Edward Boyle said the Museum Trustees had decided that its income from the new fund should be used primarily for the benefit of the library, which Shaw himself used so much.—China Mail Special.

Xmas Beer Drop For Jungle Fighters

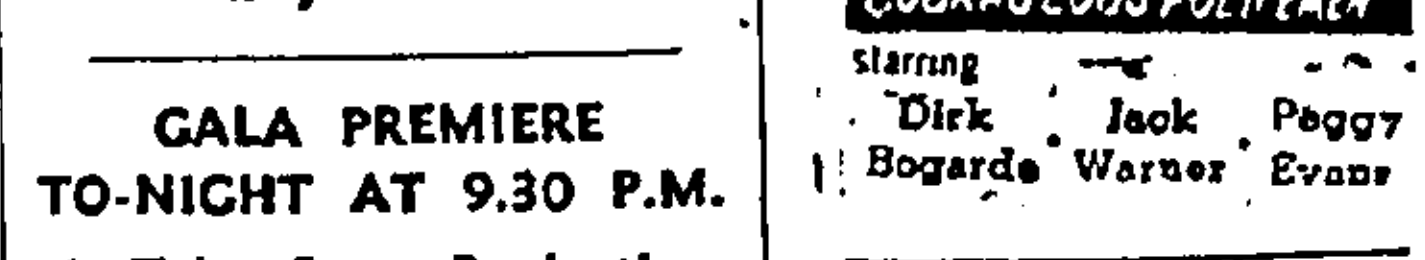
From GORDON HUNG
Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 20.
For a few hundred Commonwealth soldiers Christmas Day will be spent in the uninviting humid jungles of Malaya tracking the remnants of the once powerful army of the Malayan Communists.

A Commonwealth Armed Forces spokesman said: "There will be no reduction in the general security effort."
Although operational troops will spend Christmas in the jungle, they will not be forgotten.
Australian soldiers in the north Perak jungle will get Christmas beer by parachute.
"And if I know the Australians it will be almost as well come as their Christmas mail," an Armed Forces spokesman said.
The big beer drop will accompany an outside Christmas ration to give the billy cans a generous filling for a jungle feast.
But for the troops of the 1st Br. Royal Australian Regiment, it will be a very brief pause in their operational routine.
BY ROAD
"Only when they come out of the jungle will the men be given a stand-down to make up for their lost Christmas leave," Austers will make the beer drop.
"This will be the quietest jungle Christmas since the Emergency began," said the spokesman.
The only other Commonwealth troops in the jungle re-

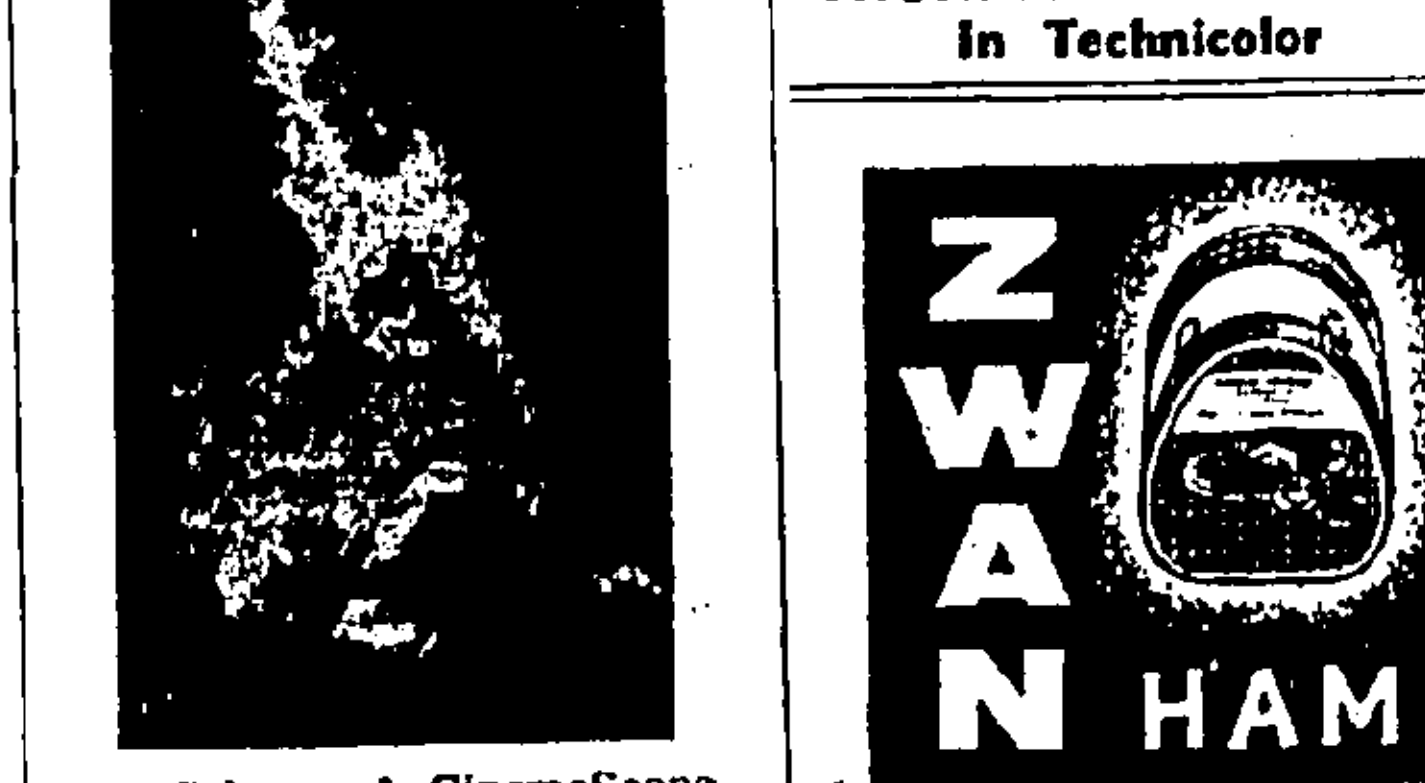
quiring extra supplies are detachments of the 13/18th Hussars, also in upper Perak. They will get their Christmas supplies by road.
The newly arrived 1st Br. 3rd East Anglian Regiment, which came to Malaya two months ago to replace the Loyals, will spend Christmas in camp.
As tradition demands, the officers and NCOs will serve them with their 300 pounds of turkey and 300 pounds of Christmas pudding.
Three days later the regiment will move into the jungle for their first taste of anti-terrorism in "Operation Jaya."

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Townsend Leave Belgium

Brussels, Dec. 22.
Mme Franz Jammagne said today her daughter Marie-Luce and Group Captain Peter Townsend, married secretly yesterday, "have left Belgium."
"You will understand that I cannot say where they have gone, as naturally they want to be alone," she said, replying to telephoned questions at her home at Branschaet, near Antwerp.
Mme Jammagne said she and her husband, M. Franz Jammagne, a director of several tobacco companies, were very happy about the wedding.
Mme Jammagne said that arrangements for the civil wedding yesterday at the small town of Watermael-Boisfort, just outside Brussels, had been made in the greatest secrecy.—China Mail Special.

Now They Can Speak To Santa

Hull, Dec. 22.
Children dialling Hull North Central 211 on the telephone from today can contact "Reindeer Land" and speak to Santa Claus.
Engineers of the city-owned telephone service have installed a special 300-line exchange to provide pre-recorded messages altered every day from now to Christmas Eve.
This seems to be an idea that London should copy.
Belfast Postal headquarters here said today Christmas letters were still pouring in addressed to Santa.
Up The Chimney
The most common addresses were Greenland, Iceland and Finland.
Some children also thought of him as living in Norway, Sweden, and at the North Pole, though "fairlyland" and "up the chimney" also had their supporters, a spokesman added.—China Mail Special.

Xmas Parole

Belfast, Dec. 22.
Northern Ireland's two goals will allow 60 men and women prisoners out on parole tomorrow for the Christmas weekend.
They are mainly "star prisoners"—serving for the first time—but include ten with long terms and one with a life sentence.—China Mail Special.

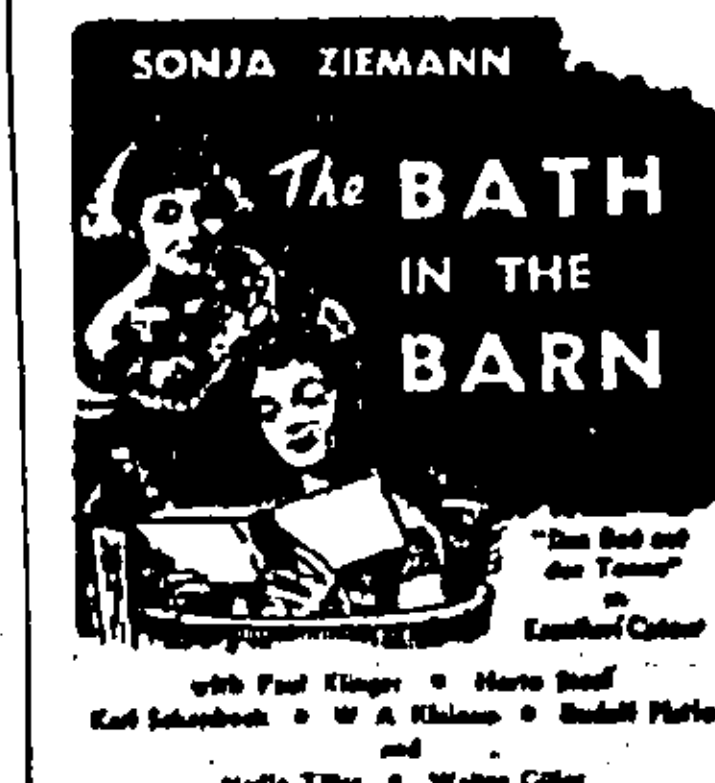
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A Prophecy Fulfilled



WITHIN a few days, Mary asked, as casually as possible, for permission to visit her Aunt Elizabeth.

Her mother thought of it as a touching sign of devotion, and sent her off with a family travelling south to Judea.

The young virgin said nothing to anyone about her secret; some of the time she seemed to her friends to be lost in a frowning reverie.

Elizabeth was grey and wrinkled, and she had spent many years in the balcony of the synagogue asking God for a child. Her husband, Zachary, was a priest, a small town teacher who had once been selected by the great priests of Jerusalem to be the one to enter the Holy of Holies. He felt sorrow for his Elizabeth that he did for himself in the matter of childlessness. He understood the natural maternal feelings of Elizabeth and, unknown to her, he had prayed again and again for a child.

Sometime before the visit of Mary, the angel Gabriel had appeared before the old lady and told her that God had answered her prayers. She could give birth to a son in June, and she must call him John. Some day in the distant future he would be called the Baptist, and he would go ahead of the Messiah, preaching and baptizing as he went.

Happy

The angel told Elizabeth more. Much more.

Elizabeth was standing in her doorway as Mary came up the walk. It was as though she had expected the visit. Mary, a typical teenager of her time, shouted a happy greeting before she reached the door.

Elizabeth felt her baby move within her and, in raising her

hand in greeting suddenly burst into tears: "Blessed are you," she said, "beyond all women. And blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Mary stopped, part way to the door. Her mouth hung open. She could not speak. Elizabeth knew! Elizabeth knew the secret! Elizabeth knew the secret! Elizabeth wiped her eyes and tried to smile.

"How privileged am I," she said to her niece, "to have the mother of my Lord come to visit me. Hear me now: as the sound of your greeting fell upon my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. Happy is she who believed that what the Lord would be fulfilled."

The last sentence was a quiet warning for the young girl to trace all doubt from her mind, and become reconciled to the greatest duty of all ages.

THE Angel Gabriel has visited Mary with the startling news that she, a humble virgin, was to be the mother of the Saviour. Sensing that the girl needed more proof, however, Gabriel added: "Your relative, Elizabeth, in her old age has also conceived a son and is now in her sixth month — she who was called 'The Barren.' Nothing is impossible with God."

Mary bowed her head. She understood, and murmured: "May all that you have said be fulfilled in me." When she looked up again, the vision had faded from sight.

PART THREE

THE NATIVITY OF JESUS

By JIM BISHOP

Mary had not doubted. She had believed the words, but she could not convince herself that she was the one, of all women on earth, selected to bear the baby. Now she was convinced. She no longer tried to divorce her person from the prophecy. She had told no one of the secret, and here Aunt Elizabeth not only knew about it, but was pregnant exactly as the angel said she would be.

Exultation

A wave of exultation filled the heart of Mary. The young girl no longer wondered and worried about her part in God's will. She became lyrical and she stood before her aunt, arms outstretched, eyes dimmed and half-closed with tears of joy and she uttered words which remained engraved on the heart of Elizabeth for all her days:

"My soul extols the Lord; and my spirit leaps for joy in God my saviour. How graciously He looked upon this lowly maid! Oh, behold, from this hour onward age after age will call me blessed! How sublime is what He has done for me — the Mighty One, whose name is 'Hosianna!' From age to age He visits those who worship him in reverence."

His arm achieves the mastery: He routs the haughty and proud of heart; He puts down princes from their thrones, and exalts the lowly; He fills the hungry with blessings, and sends away the rich with empty hands. He has taken by the hand His servant Israel, and mercifully kept His faith — as He had promised our fathers — with Abraham and his posterity forever and evermore."

The women embraced and Mary wondered what made her think of those words. The young girl remained with Elizabeth until June, a week prior to the birth of John. Mary was three months pregnant, and her parents had sent word that she should be at home preparing for her wedding. Yes, the wedding. Elizabeth now enjoyed Mary's complete confidence and the two wondered if Joseph knew. It was important that he know what was about to happen, and to understand, because, as a husband, he would have no rights to connubial devotion at all.

Shock

When Mary arrived home, she saw her husband-to-be. He was not happy that she had chosen to be away from him for three months and, if he knew the secret, he hid it well. He had heard from Mary's mother that Elizabeth was to bear a child, but surely there were others in her town who could have attended her. The young girl did not dispute Joseph. She decided, from his attitude, that he knew nothing of the great secret. She would not marry him without telling him something of it.

"I'm going to have a baby," she said. The shock to Joseph was beyond measure.

Throughout the courtship, his intended bride had worn an aura of innocence; he was painfully conscious of her lack of knowledge. She had gone away three months ago, and now she returned to say that she was pregnant.

It is impossible to read the depths of sorrow in both hearts. He looked at her tenderly and she offered no word of explanation. She looked away from him and wished that she might tell everything. The baby was going to need a foster father — who better than the man she loved, the gentle and pious and patient Joseph?

The thought crossed her mind that he had been selected for the role for these very reasons. He would be an ideal guardian for the infant.

Tragedy

Then why, why had he not been told? Why wrench two young hearts with tragedy when the truth was as bright as the sun and as warming?

On the tip of her tongue, Mary had the greatest secret of all history. She could not unlock her tongue. Joseph went away from her to think. Of the two, he was the more pitiable. He loved this girl with all his heart and he had had visions of a long and fruitful life with her. Now, he felt, she had betrayed him and he could not understand the betrayal, nor even force himself to believe that it was true.

Joseph kept his awful secret. He could divorce her publicly. If he did this, he would be impelled to tell the elders the reason.

In that case, they would ask Mary if she was with child. If she said yes, Joseph would have to swear that he was "without knowledge of her." The priests would adjudge her to be an adulteress.

There was only one penalty for this crime: stoning. The guilty person is led by townsmen to a high cliff and ordered to jump. If the adulteress refuses, she is pushed. As she lies at the bottom of the



cliff, the people arm themselves with stones, and watch. If she moves, they throw the stones. If she doesn't, they go home. The body is left where it is for the birds and the animals.

Joseph was being put to the test. He did not want Mary to die. He loved her. He could, under the law, pay money to put her away, to have her sent to some remote place. There, she could have her baby and remain.

A third possibility would be for Joseph to swallow his pride, proceed with the wedding, and hope that there would not be too much comment in the town over a six months baby.

He was dwelling upon the possibilities one night in bed. Suddenly the carpenter made up his mind. He would put Mary away privately. It would break his heart, and he knew that he could not love anyone else, but it would be just and, at the same time, merciful.

Relaxed

Within a few moments after the decision was reached, relaxation came to Joseph, and he slept.

In sleep, he was visited by an angel. The spirit said to him: "Joseph, son of David, do not scruple to take Mary, your wife, into your home. Her conception was wrought by the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus; for he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph awakened, he remembered the dream and he wondered if his forlorn hopes were reaching for pious unrealities. A dream was nothing more than a dream. His unconscious wishes might be fulfilled in sleep. Still, if this were so, he would never dream a blasphemy in which the pregnancy was excused by attributing it to God.

Besides, the dream fulfilled an old prophecy to the letter: "Behold, the virgin will be pregnant and give birth to a son, who will be called 'Emmanuel,' which means 'God with us.'"

Joseph felt refreshed. He felt happy. The more he dwelt upon the dream, the more clearly he saw the hand of God revealing a great truth to him. It required restraint to go to work, making stalls and tables and wooden hangars for utensils and closets for garments.

Prophecy

His impulse was to hurry to Mary's house, yelling: "I know! I know!" His patience manifested itself, and he waited until the proper time, after supper, and when she saw his first glance, Mary knew that he knew before he took her for an evening walk to explain.

God had tried both of these young people, and they had not failed him. Still, Joseph was worried because he did not understand what part he was to play, nor how best to interpret the will of God. The following week, they were married and Joseph took Mary to his home. One of his worries, he confided to Mary, was that if the old prophecy of a messiah was to be fulfilled, then something was wrong because everyone knew that the sacred scriptures said that the King of Kings would be born in Bethlehem — the City of David. Their infant would

be born in Nazareth, a little place over 90 miles north of Bethlehem.

She had no intention of travelling anywhere, Mary said. She was going to remain here in Nazareth, in the summer months, and the early autumn, the older women of the town noticed that she was pregnant, and they had counselled her to remain close to her home. She would not even go to see Elizabeth's baby, so why would she consider travelling to Bethlehem? Joseph nodded.

That was the way he felt. He had never been to Bethlehem and he had no intention of going there.

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BILL KEANE

WOMANSENSE

Dior Looks East For The Spring



In London recently fashion writers and buyers were shown the Christian Dior hats that will be going into the shops soon. They were designed in Paris, inspired by the collection that St Laurent is preparing for his January show. No good broad hint of what he envisages was really prominent; though there was a distinct Eastern flavour with huge Chinese coolie hats in rough straw, and others that could have come straight off an Egyptian frieze.

The picture shows a pile of roses, apple-blossom and small spring flowers that was more traditional. Named "My Fair Lady" it is modelled by the girl who has replaced Julie Andrews in the London cast of the show.—Anne Rodgers.

LADY LUCK

your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Don't forget to extend your very best wishes to a couple celebrating an important anniversary this week.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Having only a limited amount of cash to spend on the holidays, make the best use of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Interrupt your intensive work for the next few days and join the others in the festivities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A promise made by a friend for to-day ought not to be taken too literally, as he may forget in the last-minute holiday rush.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A good idea of yours which you submitted a long while ago will now be taken up by the person who matters.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): An introduction this week to a very congenial person will soon make you forget a recent unhappy association.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Refuse to listen to the poisonous tongue of a person who only pretends to be your friend.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Upon hearing a friend's optimistic plans for next year, don't discourage him unless you have very sound reasons for doing so.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Invite a lonely acquaintance to your home during the holidays, and you will earn his gratitude for giving him a sense of belonging if only for a few hours.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): The holiday season will provide your opportunity to bring together two members of your family who have been estranged for a long time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You may become disillusioned by a report of a friend's action, but don't form too hasty a judgment until you have a chance to hear his version.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): An unexpected invitation to a relative's home will save you all the work connected with this week's festivities.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If this is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the THREE of DIAMONDS.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE hand hog always finds some excuse to take the play from his partner. He also is likely to go through life wondering why he never wins.

South's excuse for his four-heart bid was his 100 honours and he was unlucky not to make his contract. West opened a diamond. The finesse lost to East's king and East promptly

NORTH 11			
♠ K J 9			
♥ 10			
♦ A Q 10 9 3			
♣ K Q 9			
EAST 10			
♠ A 10 8 6 2			
♥ 7 2			
♦ K 8 5			
♣ 10 6 2			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 7 4			
♥ A Q J 10 5			
♦ 10 4			
♣ A 8 3			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 7			

returned the diamond eight. South won in dummy and the heart finesse lost. Now West put his partner in with a spade and a diamond ruff defeated the heart contract.

If South had not been a hand hog he would have let North's three no-trump bid alone. East would have opened his fourth best spade and West's queen would force North's king.

At this point it would have been necessary for North to play very safe for his contract. He would have to go to dummy with the ace of clubs and take the diamond finesse. East would take his king and try to get West in with a heart. Now North would have to refuse the heart finesse and just cash his diamonds and clubs for nine tricks.

♥+CARD Sense♦

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠
Pass Pass 2♦ 2♥
3♦ 3♠ Pass ?
You, South, hold:
♠ J 7 4 3 ♥ K 8 5 4 ♦ 3 2 ♣ 8 7
What do you do?
A—Pass. Your partner previously dropped you at one spade and your hand has not become any better.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again your partner has doubled West's opening club bid. This time you hold:
♠ J 7 4 3 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ 4 3 2 ♣ 8 7
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Whistlefish—53



Now all goes smoothly for the two friends. Sam tethers his boat and carries the oars uphill. "Here's the satchel of sandwiches that Mummy gave me," smiles Rupert. "I'd forgotten all about them, and now we shan't need them." Inside the shack he opens Sam's old book again. "You know more



about the city of Whistlefish than this book does now!" he calls. "Do I?" says Sam wisely. "I ought to, but I don't. I only wish I did. I spent all my time in a sea-prison! And I certainly couldn't find my way there again!"

CHILDREN'S CORNER

General Tin Sings

—The Shadows Are The Only Ones Who Hear It—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW when I was a boy many years ago, I used to be quite a good singer."

General Tin, the Tin Soldier, was saying this to his two friends Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names.

Sitting On Floor

They were sitting on the floor at his feet right next to the Playroom door. It was General Tin's duty to stand on guard by this door. But now it was late at night. Everyone in the house was sleeping soundly.

General Tin had taken his musket from his shoulder and had loosened the light collar of his uniform.

"I didn't know you could sing, dear General Tin," Hand said.

"Haven't sung in years," General Tin said. "but I really was quite a good singer, if I have to say so myself."

What Songs?

"What kind of songs did you sing, General Tin?" Knarf asked.

"Sad songs," replied the General.

This surprised Knarf and Hand and they promptly asked General Tin why, when he had been a singer, he had chosen to sing sad songs instead of merry songs.

"I guess I just felt sad," said General Tin.

Not Unhappy

"But feeling sad doesn't mean you're unhappy about anything," General Tin quickly explained. "You can look out of the window and see the rain falling and feel sad, but at the same time you're happy enough to be able to eat a good dinner and laugh at a joke and smile when you think that the sun is going to shine tomorrow."

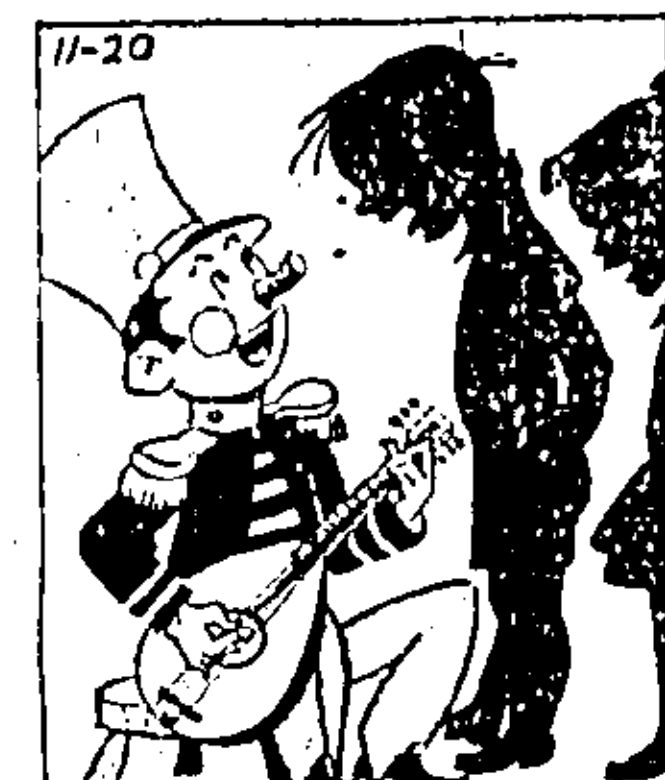
"Please, General Tin," said Knarf, "would you mind singing one of your sad songs?"

General Tin hesitated for a moment, then he said: "Very well, but first I'll have to get my mandolin. Pardon me a moment!"

General Tin marched over to the bookcase and disappeared behind it. He returned almost at once with the mandolin under his arm.

Wasn't Raining

"Now," he said, "I'm all ready." He looked out of the window.



Twanging a mandolin, the General began to sing.

The rain wasn't falling, but the moon and the stars were hidden behind heavy clouds. A cold November wind was blowing. A maple tree on the other side of the street was shaking its arms as the wind blew past it.

Started Singing

General Tin twanged his mandolin as he sang: "November's on the wane, lad, Days are growing cold; Leaves fall down like rain, lad."

Autumn's growing old, Where are all the scents, lad? Where are all the sounds? The crows sit on the fence, lad, The leaves fall on the ground."

Many Songs

General Tin sang many more songs that evening for Knarf and Hand.

The rest of them weren't sad songs at all. They were cheerful and merry. They were about winter and sleigh-riding. They were about Mother and Father. They were funny songs.

But only Knarf and Hand knew that General Tin, the Tin Soldier, was able to sing.

STOP PRESS FROM LONDON! Hats To Go To Your Head

London. BEEHIVE hats for women designed specially for the new high-piled hair styles were introduced in London at a special fashion show by the house of Christian Dior.

Variations on the beehive line included the baby, the outside, the cloche and the pillbox. Some were high, showing the light through the drapery, and all were featherweight.

There were also hats with an oriental trend — tall slender shapes like the head-dress of an Egyptian queen, coolie hats, mandarin hats, turbans, and large cloche picture hats.

Floral chignons added inches to the model's height. Large, dome-shaped picture hats were applauded. One was a garden of flowers carried on a light-as-air frame.

One of the few bonkers, called "John Peel" was collected with a triple brim of frilled ribbon.

Trimming were discreet—perhaps a tiny flower tucked into a fold, perhaps a flower made of the same straw as that hat.

Navy, black, white and all shades of brown were the basic colours with a sprinkling of orange, red, turquoise blue and gold.

For the draped hats, organza and shantung were seen.—China Mail Special.

TASTY TIPS

MAKE pickle patties ahead of time and store them in the freezer to use for holiday parties.

Combine 2 (2 1/4-ounce) cans of deviled ham with 1/3 cup of sweet pickle relish, drained, 1 tablespoon of prepared horseradish, 1 teaspoon of paprika, 2 tablespoons of all-purpose flour and 1 egg, slightly beaten.

Mix well, and shape level teaspoonful into patties. Coat with bread crumbs, using 1/2 cup total. Fry in hot shallow fat until browned on both sides. Drain on absorbent paper, wrap in moisture-vapour proof paper and seal. To serve, thaw at room temperature 1/2 hour or bake 15 minutes in a 400-degree oven. Makes 14 patties.

ASPARAGUS TIP

TINNED asparagus can go right into the toaster with a meat course. Drain one (10 1/2-ounce) can of asparagus; squeeze, divide them into 2 bundles and place 2 green pepper rings around each bundle. Brush asparagus with 2 tablespoons of melted butter, add salt and pepper to taste, and top each bundle with 1 slice process Swiss cheese. Broil 10 minutes 4 inches from the heat source.

HEAVENLY

For heavenly-mashed potatoes, use sour cream instead of milk while mashing or whipping. A half pint of sour cream and 1/2 pound of butter whipped into a dozen boiled potatoes will have the guests asking how you did it.

FOR TEA TIME

Half a cup of diced orange sections and 1/3 cup of flaked or shredded coconut added to oatmeal bread mix makes a tasty loaf. Serve slices plain or with butter, cream cheese or orange marmalade.

POTATO CHIP MACAROONS

Wind up a meal with potato chips made into macaroons. Beat 2 egg whites until stiff. Add 1 cup granulated sugar gradually, while continuing to beat the egg whites. Fold in



Borrow an idea from Patou of Paris to dress up fur coats. Buy a narrow fur scarf to match the coat, and wear the scarf inside the collar.

The pinaflore is back. It comes in cotton, organza, broadcloth, lawn, plique and velvet, trimmed with lace or appliqued with lollipops, candy, canes, animals and Christmas trees. Jumper aprons that button up the back cover dresses in two-in-one ensembles.



Let's Eat

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Try Kitchen Buffet Idea For Holiday Teen Parties

DURING the holidays most families with teenagers give at least one informal party. If the weather is cold, it might be a Kitchen Buffet supper after an afternoon's skating or skiing. If it is warm, the party could be a supper buffet followed by games and dancing.

HEARTY MENU

In any case, the menu should be hearty and, if the teenagers are not too sophisticated, it should include the inevitable frankfurters and doughnuts.

KITCHEN BUFFET SUPPER (For Teenagers or a Family Party)

Herring-Potato Salad
Boston Baked Beans
Pickled Celery
Grilled Frankfurters
In Toasted Rolls
Fruit Compote Sherbet Topping
Broiled Doughnuts
Soft Drinks Milk Coffee

If the kitchen is large and attractive, set up the buffet table with paper plates, cups, napkins and necessary tableware. Hot foods and beverages can be served by the young host or hostess from electric hot plates or direct from the range. Salad and cold drinks should be served with dessert served from a third table to avoid crowding.

TIP TO ELDERS

As for parents — be more or less out of sight, but available in case you're needed. Don't try to be the life of the party!

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MCC Set For First Tour Win

**WINDWARD ISLANDS
69 FOR SEVEN IN
SECOND INNINGS**

Grenada, Dec. 22.

The MCC, despite a batting collapse today, seemed set for a winning start to their Caribbean tour after two days' play against the Windward Islands here.

The touring team were all out for 121 at tea in answer to the Windward Islands' total of 89. But the MCC bowlers again ripped through the home side, who at the close were 69 for seven and led by only 37 runs.

The MCC resumed their first innings at 10 for one wicket today and lost Colin Cowdrey with only six runs added. Crowdrey, playing forward, was bowled middle stump. This made MCC virtually 18 for three as a result. But Geoff Pullar, who was injured yesterday, was thought unlikely to take any further part in the match. Pullar's elbow was very sore today. It is believed to be only badly bruised, but a check is being made in case of a possible hairline fracture.

Missed Catch

Pullar's injury means the shelving of Peter May's plan to use the Lancashire batsman and Cowdrey as openers in all matches before the first Test. The MCC almost lost another wicket when without addition to the total May swung at a ball from medium-pace T. Redhead and offered a hard right-hand chance to E. Bramble at short fine leg. The catch was missed, and May got off the mark with a two.

May's partner, Raman Subba Row, also gave a hard chance off Redhead and again Bramble was the fieldsmen who missed the opportunity.

At lunch, MCC were 47 for two wickets.

Hit Out

May, realising the need for risks to push along the score, began to hit out after lunch. His third-wicket stand with Subba Row was broken at 52 when slow left-arm bowler E. Gresham, who turned the ball a great deal, had Subba Row leg before wicket.

This began a dramatic collapse by Gresham, who quickly dismissed May and Mike Smith. He captured these three valuable wickets in 11 balls for two runs, and half the MCC side had gone for 75.

May skied an easy catch to cover and Smith lifted a catch to mid-wicket to open the tour with a "duck."

The MCC lost their last five wickets for 46 runs. Redhead claiming four of them to finish with figures of five for 39 in 14.5 overs.

As Pullar's injury was not serious, he was after all able to bat again, and added one to his score.

MCC were all out at tea for 121 to take a lead of 32 runs on the first innings.

Windward Islands were 69 for seven in their second innings at the close.

Scoreboard

FIRST INNINGS
Windward Islands: 89 all out
MCC

Pullar not out 7
Subba Row lbw Gresham ... 23

May, c Steele, b Gresham ..	38
M. C. Cowdrey, b Redhead ..	4
R. Swetman, b Mason ..	1
M. J. K. Smith, c Roberts, b Gresham ..	1
K. F. Barrington, b Redhead ..	9
R. Illingworth, c Mason, b Gresham ..	12
F. S. Trueman, b Redhead ..	16
A. Moss, b Redhead ..	5
T. Greenough, c Brisbane, b Redhead ..	3
Extras ..	2
Total ..	121

Fall of wickets: 3-68, 4-75, 5-75, 6-93, 7-105, 8-114, 9-117.

Bowling Analysis	O	M	R	W
Mason ..	7	1	16	1
Redhead ..	14.5	2	39	5
Ill ..	8	0	24	0
Brisbane ..	12	2	27	0
Gresham ..	12	6	13	4

SECOND INNINGS

Windward Islands	
Trueman, c Swetman, b ..	8
E. Gresham, b Barrington, b ..	12
Trueman ..	2
A. Roberts, b Moss ..	0
O. Jackson, St Swetman, b ..	25
Illingworth ..	2
T. Walker, c Cowdrey, b ..	2
Moss ..	0
C. Brisbane not out ..	2
G. Niles, c Trueman, b ..	1
Greenough ..	1
T. Redhead not out ..	19
Total (for 7 wickets) ..	69

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-18, 3-21, 4-26, 5-29, 6-48, 7-49.

Bowling To Date	O	M	R	W
Trueman ..	7	2	22	2
Illingworth ..	6	5	1	1
Greenough ..	5	1	25	1

—Reuter.

U.S. Pro Boxing Severely Criticised

Boston, Dec. 22.

American middleweight Paul Pender, who on January 22 here will attempt to take away the world title of Sugar Ray Robinson, declared today that professional boxing in the United States is "infested by gangsters and thieves."

In an interview published in the Boston Herald newspaper, Pender suggested that professional boxing be banned in the United States for five years in order to clean it up completely.

"Why should boxing as it is conducted today be allowed to exist?" he asked. "The public has lost all confidence. I have, too."

Pender, however, did not call off his bait with Robinson, who in the United States is recognized as world middleweight champion only by New York and Massachusetts. Gene Fullmer is considered champion by the other States. Pender is ranked sixth in world classifications.—AFP.

Australian Xmas For Brabham

London, Dec. 22.

Jack Brabham, 1959 champion racing driver, is in London today to spend Christmas in his home in Sydney.

Brabham said he has been working with John Cooper on new designs for next year's car but that there would be no drastic alterations.

"I shall be back in England on January 29 calling in London on my way to the Argentine Grand Prix, the first world championship race of 1960," he said.

Brabham was accompanied on his flight home by his wife, Bessie, and their eight-year-old son Geoffrey.—UPI.

World Heavyweight Fight Almost Certain To Be Held In NY In June

New York, Dec. 22.

It is "almost certain" that the return match for the world heavyweight championship between Ingemar Johansson of Sweden and former champion Floyd Patterson will be held in Yankee Stadium here "some time in June" as a group of New York businessmen headed by attorney Roy Cohn today acquired contractual rights for the fight and made preliminary application for a promoter's licence from the New York State Athletic Commission.

The new group, Mr Cohn said, "anticipates no difficulties" in staging the match.

"We have acquired complete contractual rights for the fight. We have already been in touch with Johansson and he is anxious to fight in New York."

"Patterson's signature is on the contract and we expect no problems that cannot be solved. We hope to hold the fight in Yankee Stadium some time in June."

Neither the commission nor Mr Cohn revealed how much the new group had paid Bill Rosenzohn for his one-third interest in "Rosenzohn Enterprises" which promoted the first Johansson-Patterson fight.

But Cohn's statement that Feature Sports Inc. had acquired 100 per cent interest in the venture made it evident some settlement had been reached.

Sponsors

Mr Rosenzohn who is under suspension in New York State, could not legally participate in the new promotion. He could not be reached immediately for comment, but it was reported he had been offered \$50,000.

The list of sponsors of Feature Sports Inc. which was submitted by Mr Cohn to the commission includes the following names: William Fugazy, a travel agent; Fred Seihaber, owner of a construction company; John M. Foley, president of a sporting goods firm; Joseph Eckhouse, vice-president of a large chain of New York stores (Lerner); Denniston L. Slater, president of Slater Brothers; Frank and Joseph Pagliaro, of the Knickerbocker Construction Company; Neil Walsh, an underwriter who is one of the directors of the Catholic Youth Organisation.

Cricket Record Set In S. Africa

East London, Cape Province, Dec. 22.

A first class cricket record was set and another equalled when Border was dismissed twice for a total of 34 runs in the Currie Cup match here.

Border's aggregate in the match against Natal was the lowest for two completed innings. The Natal wicketkeeper Malcolm Spence equalled a record by helping in the dismissal of seven batsmen in Border's second innings. This feat has been accomplished by seven other wicketkeepers.

Border were skittled out for 16—a record low score for the tournament—in reply to Natal's first innings total of 90 on Saturday. After Natal declared their second innings at 294 for eight at lunch today Border were again bundled out for 18 in 97 minutes.

TOOK SEVEN FOR 11

Chief architect of Natal's 350-run victory was fast bowler Geoff Griffin a probable for the South African tour of Britain next year. He took seven wickets for 11 runs today.

The match was Border's first in the "A" section of the Currie Cup. Top scorer in their second innings was Peter Tainton who made seven not out.

Summarised scores were: Natal 90 (S. Knott five for 40 and A. Hagemann five for 49) and 294 for eight declared (K. Elgie 162, E. Schreiber six for 120).

Border 16 (T. Goddard six for three, J. Cole four for 13) and 18 (Griffin seven for 11, Cole three for four).—China Mail Special.

Asian Tennis Tournament

Calcutta, Dec. 22.

Mike Franks, of the U.S., withdrew from the Asian tennis championships today because he was feeling ill.

Results in the second round of the men's singles included: Billy Knight, Britain, defeated Ivan Alexey, USSR, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Warren Woodcock, Australia, defeated R.N. Puri, India, 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.—AP.

CHESS NEWS

by LEONARD BARDEN

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London Express Service

Army Take On Rest Of The Colony In Today's Main Rugby Match

By PAK LO

This evening's rugby games are likely to be sparsely attended, partly due to the season and partly due to the fact that the main game brings out the Army against the Rest of the Colony. The Army has as yet to provide one good open game of rugby this season, and tonight's game is liable to be a repeat of previous Army appearances.

The Army plays only to win, and has never made any attempt to play attractive rugby, and as its team has all the usual faces in the pack a forward battle is expected.

This major match will start at 7.15 p.m., and previous to this Whitfield Wanderers play 32nd Medium, at 6.00 p.m. Both these games will be played under floodlights.

Better Rugby?

In fact the minor game, although both teams have lost to the Army side, is the more likely to provide the better rugby, with both teams playing a wide open game, especially the Wanderers who have much the better halves and three of the twins.

On their form in the last game the Wanderers should wipe the floor with 32nd Medium, who have a good three line, but not so strong a pack. With the Wanderers getting a

steady supply of the ball their backs will be given every chance to show their paces, and should find the breakthrough in the centre the answer to their problems.

The 32nd Medium, though not so strong, can be relied upon to put up a good fight, especially in defence but they cannot hold the Wanderers forever.

In the major match the Army with a heavy pack are certain to play to their forwards for their three although strong in the centre are weaker on the wings, and the Rest three being definitely superior should be able to break through if they can get the ball.

However, it is a big "if" for this pack is expected to lose their scrums, and though it should lose the majority of the lineouts, it should do better in the loose. But even this will give an insufficient supply of the ball to the Rest three, and they may well

find themselves on the defensive against the strong Army pack.

The Army halves will be playing the touchline for all they are worth, for they dare not let their three handle too much, as the Rest three are capable of taking charge if an open game is played.

All in all the Army should win by a narrow margin after an uninspiring game.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY
Cricket
Youngsters Shield match between KGV and DBS at MCC, 5.30 a.m. Early.

Army v Rest at HKFA Stadium, 7.15 p.m.

Boxing
Land Forces Individual Championships at Gun Club Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Meeting
Hongkong Chinese Football Association, at Victoria Park, 6 p.m.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby



AIR-INDIA Summer



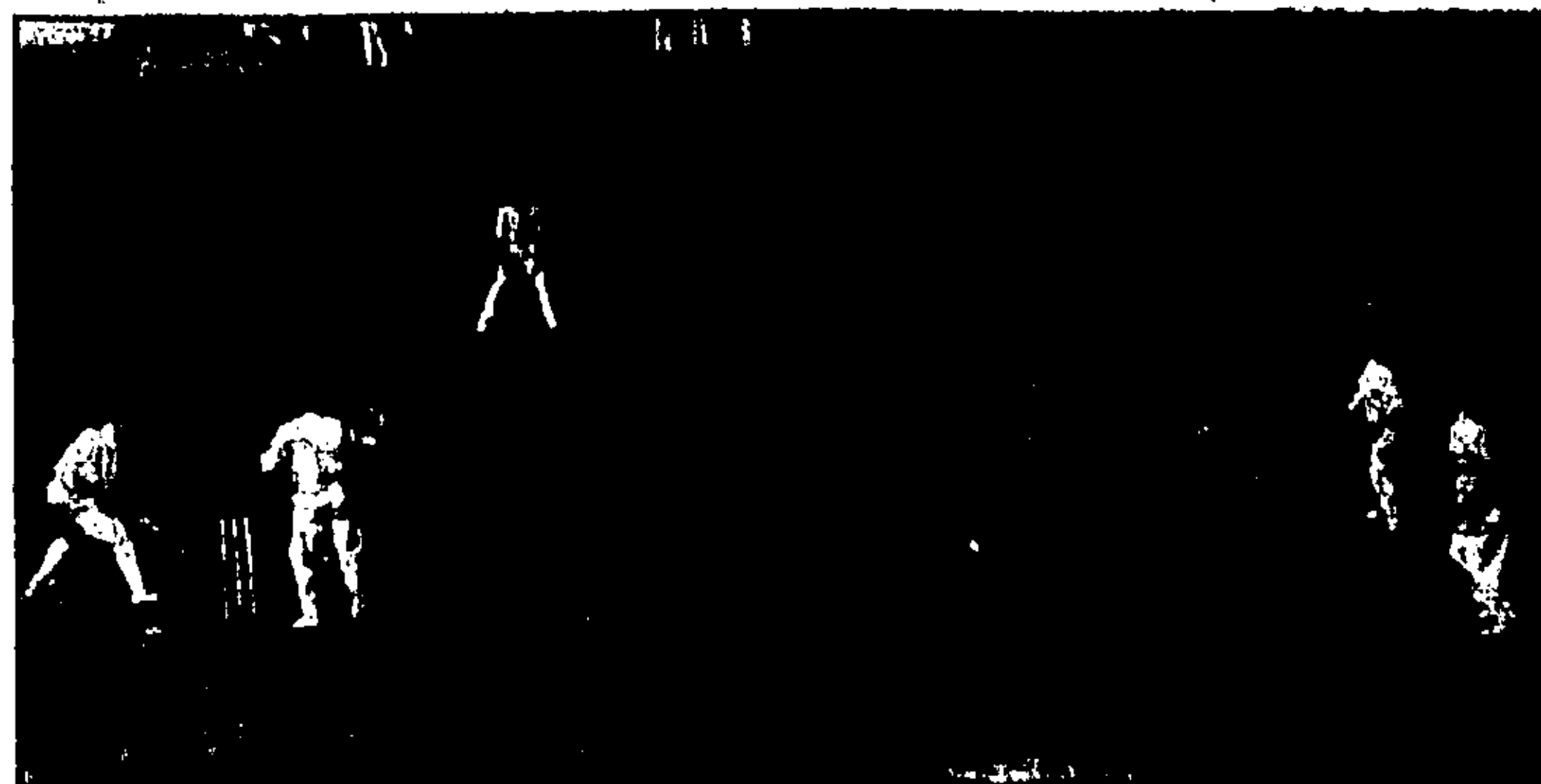
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with wines—"

SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: Britain's top sportsmen and women streamed into the Savoy Hotel recently to honour two people voted the country's Sportsman and Sports-woman of the Year in the annual Daily Express ballot. But missing from the ceremony was 19-year-old Mary Bignal, who had crowned a triumphant athletics year by winning the woman's title. She had flu. Photo shows John Surtees (left) receiving his Sportsman of the Year trophy from last year's winner Ian Black and on right Mary getting hers in her bedroom. — London Express photo.

LEFT: It looks as though Jack Solomons has pulled it off, and that world champion Ingemar Johansson will meet British heavyweight champion Henry Cooper at Wembley Stadium next summer for a fee of around £80,000. Last week Johansson and manager Eddie Ahlquist flew to London to see Solomons, and to take a look at the Stadium. Photo shows Solomons (centre) with Johansson and his manager at Wembley last week. — London Express photo.



RAF's Borland is clean bowled by J. C. Koh after scoring six runs in the first division cricket league match between IRC and RAF at Sookunpoo last Saturday. The airmen were all out for 89 runs and lost the match by six wickets. — China Mail photo.

Australian Jack Brabham pushed his car, a Cooper-Climax, 400 yards to the finishing line of the Sebring Grand Prix recently to take fourth place — and to finish the season as world champion, the first Australian to hold the title. His fourth place gave him 31 championship points; Tony Brooks, third at Sebring, had 27; and Stirling Moss, whose transmission failed on the sixth lap, had 25½.

Photo shows Brabham's wife Betty and son Geoffrey hearing the news at their London home. They are already off to Australia for Christmas in the sun. — London Express photo.

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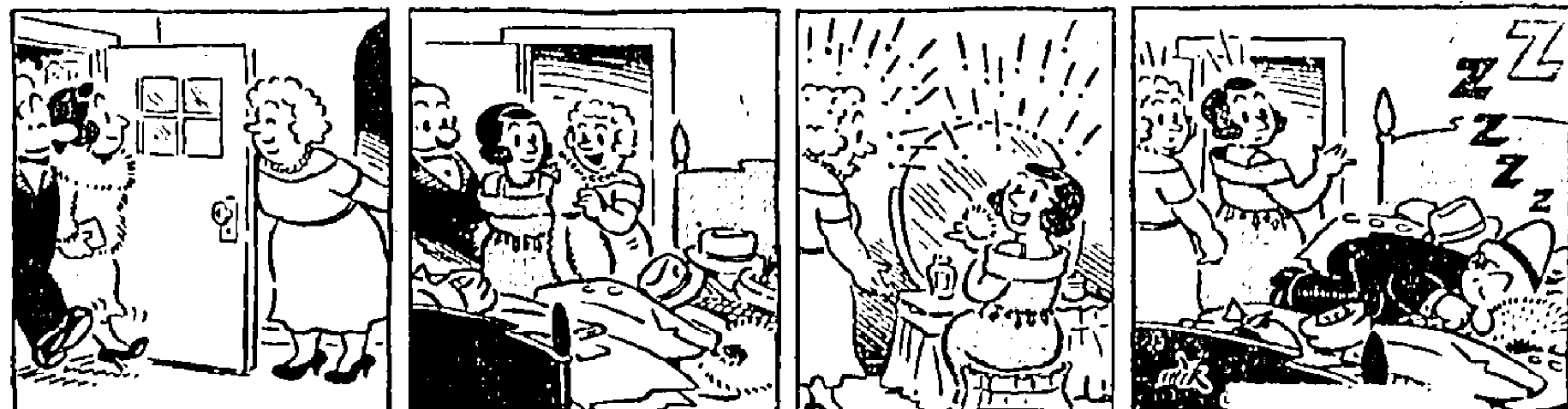
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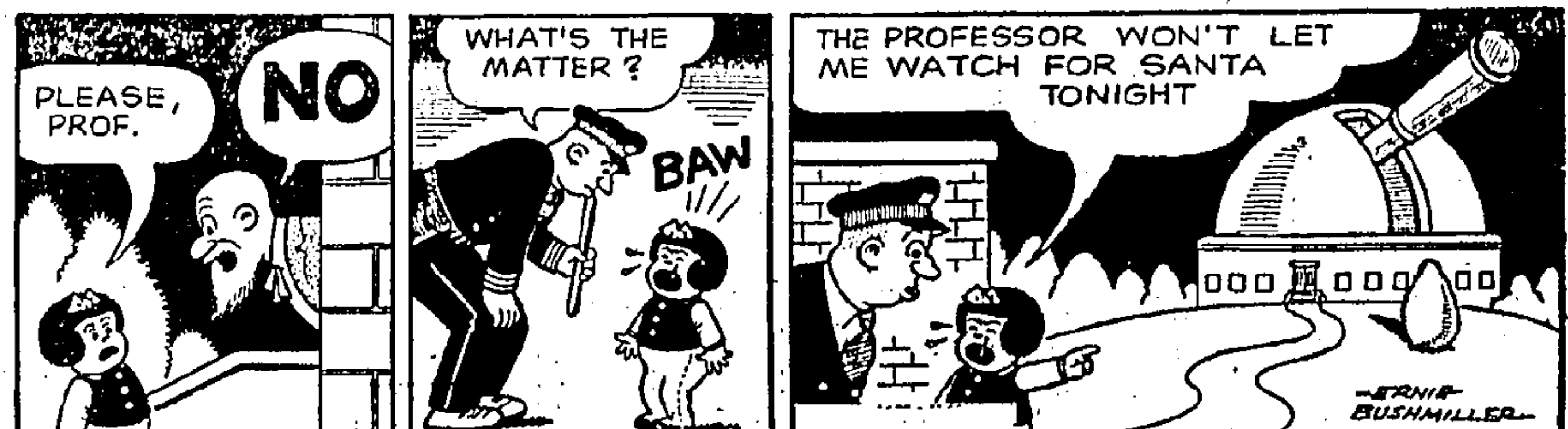
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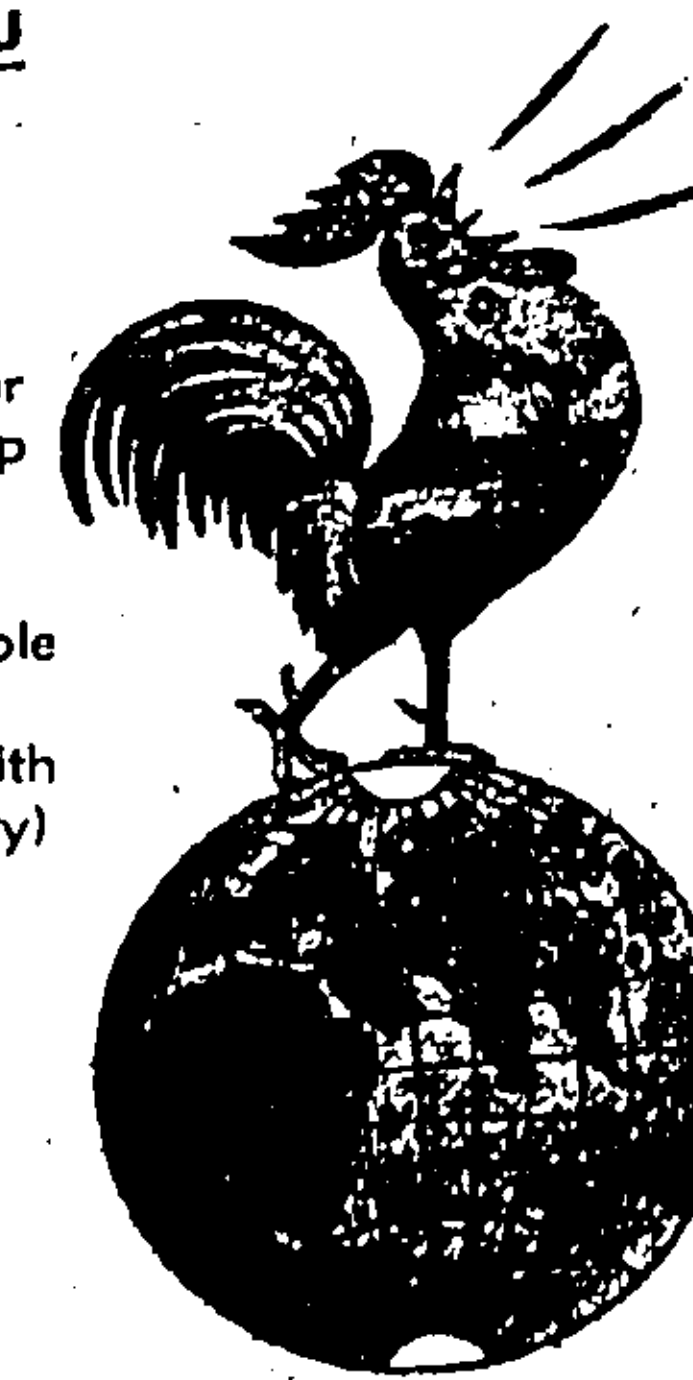
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Into Ko Ko's Inner Sanctum

WHERE I
MEET THE
OTHER MR
OBLITAS

I HAVE seen Rei Oblitas twice during these past few days. The first occasion was Saturday night when he stood centre stage at the Loke Yew Hall as the curtain rose and fell to thunderous applause.

Rei directed that applause to Mr. W. B. Foster, Director of Music for the Hongkong Singers' performance of the Mikado. He stood there thick with praise, clad in the elaborate robes of that Japanese droll, Ko Ko.

So Fantastic

Yesterday morning I entered his office at the University. He was deeply involved in a telephone conversation concerning the merits of otherwise of a student's academic qualifications.

Surely nothing could be so fantastic as absolutely Gilbert and Sullivan as Ko Ko in the evening, and this donnish-looking gentleman sitting at a huge desk in the centre of an austere furnished office.

I told Rei that I was not so surprised to see him score in the role of Ko Ko as many people were. I had seen him as a Dame in Cinderella and twice playing the lead in Moliere. I suggested that he held all the stage in fee, and that being the case, many people in Hongkong would like to know more about his theatrical background.

Delighted

He admitted he was delighted with the reception the public had given The Mikado, and very pleased with the manner his own performance of Ko Ko had been received.



Answering a question I put, "What led you to the stage?" he said that he hadn't been led to it, he had grown up with it. But he had never contemplated the stage as a professional career, he was too aware of its ups and downs.

Rei was born in South America, and among his earliest memories is the business of the elder members of his family producing plays in a little theatre in his home there.

Rowed Instead

While he was still young, his family returned to England, and Rei was sent to Sloane to continue his education.

He said that while he played in the school productions of Shakespeare, he could not recall any desire to make acting his professional career, and when he went up to Cambridge

to read English Literature, he dropped acting altogether in preference for rowing.

It was while a schoolmaster at Halesbury and Imperial Service College that he took up the stage again, and produced several plays for the students.

Rei did not tell me this, but Halesbury had quite a reputation for its school stage production while he was there, both the London Times and the Daily Telegraph sending its critics there on occasions.

Answering a question as to his own hopes and aspirations for his future work with the Hongkong Stage Club, Rei answered that in a year's time he hopes to be in England, and is considering going to Bristol where the University has a lively link with the Bristol Old Vic. He will spend part of his leave studying production. This naturally led to the question, did he prefer production to acting.

His Preference

Rei said that he likes both, but as I saw it, I think he prefers production, for he dwelt at length on seeing a play grow from a script.

My next question was fired from an ambush. In view of the rapturous reception afforded The Mikado, did he not think that this was just what Hongkong wanted rather than the highbrow stuff that has been dished out lately.

Rei refused to have this. He reached for a huge journal and showed me that the popular plays have been only moderate successes, whereas the so-called

by

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highbrow plays have been financially successful in Hongkong.

The ideal set-up for Hongkong, he said, would be a mixture of both, and that he considered that Hongkong now has a large enough population to carry both highbrow and popular plays.

Favourite Role

Returning to the Mikado, he said that the success of this production was team work, and two good team leaders; Father Sheridan as a Producer and Mr. W. B. Foster as Musical Director. Asked what role he would most like to play, Rei had no hesitation in answering, "King Lear," he said, "but I should not be able to do it."

"I think you could," I replied. He shook his head. The telephone rang; someone knocked at the door. As I crept out, he was lost in the other world of the University trying to convince someone that the University of Hongkong would settle for four subjects at Ordinary Level, and two at Higher Level, only.

Hongkong Men Learn About Radioactive Fire Fighting

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Two sub-officers of the Hongkong Fire Brigade are back in the Colony after a training course in new fire fighting methods in Britain.

Libel Case

(Continued from Page 1)

Mr Cheung asked witness if he considered the objects of the Association included a stipulation restricting advertising in the official guide.

Mr Knowles said he did. "The object of having members of the Tourist Association is to try and form a body of people of a high standard," he said. "One of the objects of the Association is to stop tourists being 'bleeded' and that sort of thing. One of the ways we are trying to stop this is to list the names of Tourist Association members. If they do anything wrong they get chucked out."

The official guidebook was an encouragement to members of the Association, he thought, as advertising in it was a privilege of membership.

CONSULTANT

Mr Mark Broiles, another subpoenaed witness, testified that he was part-time publicity consultant of the Tourist Association between October, 1958 and August, 1959.

He said he met Messrs Raymond Chao and D. J. Nurse (two partners of A. and A.) about November last year and knew them to be employees of an advertising agent, which had carried out three projects for the Association.

He said he knew the two to be partners of A. and A. just prior to negotiations on the adoption of the guidebook.

He said he did not actually know whose idea it was that the booklet "Around and About Hongkong" should be made the Association's official guidebook.

He said from the time he started with the Association, Major Stanley had talked to him in a general sense about the question of a guidebook of the Association. It was something Major Stanley was keen about, he said.

He said he had taken part in the discussions with Messrs Nurse and Chao on the booklet. He added he had discussions with the two for about two or three weeks before the booklet was appointed.

He said he did not know when he first discussed with Mr Chao and Mr Nurse.

Hearing is continuing.

Mr Patrick Yu, for the plaintiffs, is instructed by Mr M. E. Ives of Peter Mo and Co., and Mr Cheung is instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comber, of Hastings and Co.

Mr D. Djeng and Mr K. H. Yeap left for England by air on July 20 under a Government training programme for a nine weeks' course at Manchester Fire Brigade.

Immediately after the training they joined the Manchester Fire Brigade as members for seven weeks' practice.

During their stay in Britain, the two officers learned about organisation, handling of new equipments, and rescue under various circumstances. On November 22, they began the special British Fire Officers' training course at the Fire Services College, Dorking, near London.

Having finished their course on December 18, they returned last Monday.

Looking proudly upon the robust subordinates, the Chief Fire Officer, Mr W. J. Gorman, said, "You'll have to pass on your knowledge to the younger people in the Brigade."

Up-to-date

They learnt about the constituents of radioactive substances, precaution against radiation hazard, how to deal with fire involving such materials, how to calculate the absorbed dose of radiation and storage of these materials.

Both Mr Yeap and Mr Djeng said that the Hongkong Fire Brigade was up-to-date and compared favourably with brigades in England.

They thought the reason that there were fewer fire hazards in Britain was that there was a lower density of population, and different methods of housekeeping.

Mr Djeng will join the inspection department, and Mr Yeap, the operational side of fire-fighting.

KABAKA'S STATEMENT

London, Dec. 22.

A London firm of solicitors last night issued a statement here on behalf of the Kabaka of Buganda.

It said: "We are authorised by the Kabaka of Buganda to say that recent statements in the press that the Kabaka and his Government are asking for complete independence are incorrect."

"What the Kabaka and his Government are asking for is as much independence for Buganda as possible consistent with a federal government for the whole country of Uganda."

—China Mail Special.

C-IN-C'S TESTIMONIAL



The Commander-in-Chief's Testimonial was presented to Mr Wong Shat-tang, a land surveyor of the Principal Works Office, in the courtyard of the Engineer Buildings, Queen's Road East, this morning, Mr C. C. Mavity, Principal Works Officer, HQ Land Forces, who made the presentation, is seen with Mr Wong.—China Mail Photo.



The Last Five Tickets Won Him A Car

A Hongkong doctor who bought five raffle tickets to help a friend's daughter finish a book of tickets, was today presented with the first prize—a Morris Minor saloon.

He was Dr J. Park, of 23, Lugard Road, Hongkong.

The car was the first prize in the donation drive of the Society for the Protection of Children.

It was officially handed to Dr Park at Queen's Pier by Mrs W. C. G. Knowles, Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society. (See picture above).

Dr Park said at the presentation that he never won a raffle prize before.

Present at the handing over ceremony was Mrs H. D. M. Barton, who was convener of the S. P. C. ball where the car winner's name was announced.

The organiser of the car donation drive, Mrs E. P. Dumas was also at Queen's Pier to congratulate Dr Park.

Businessmen Find Big Potential Market Here

A tremendous potential market existed in Hongkong for the export of giftware, two leading American businessmen said on their departure yesterday.

The businessmen Arnold Tamchin and his brother Arthur, left Hongkong yesterday after a brief but beneficial business tour of the Colony.

The Tamchin brothers who are partners in a big American importing business said that they were especially impressed with the Hongkong Manufacturers' Trade Fair.

They stressed that with American designs the Hongkong market for giftware would be "almost unlimited."

The brothers are returning to Japan. They hope to return sometime early in the new year to investigate further the possibilities of extending their business.

Ambassador Here For Christmas

Mr Tord Goernanson, Swedish Ambassador to Indonesia and the Philippines, accompanied by his wife, arrived this morning from Manila to spend their Christmas holidays here.

At the airport to meet them was the Swedish Consul in Hongkong, Mr Torsten Chr. Björck.

100 Miles Away

London, Dec. 22.
Dr Barbara Moore, was within 100 miles of London this morning on a marathon 373-mile walk from Edinburgh.—China Mail Special.

U.S. Ship Brings Clothes For HK

The USS Pickaway arrived in Hongkong with 50 tons of food and clothing for the underprivileged in the Colony this morning.

The attack transport carried 1,600 parcels for families, 400 bundles for children.

Off-loaded from the ship berthed at Buoy No. 2, the Christmas gifts will be distributed through 90 centres under the Catholic Welfare Service and 30 centres under Church World Service throughout the Colony.

"Operation Handclasp" is the idea of Commander Donald M. Hanson, U.S. Navy, now stationed in San Diego.

Under the command of Captain J. G. Ross, the USS Pickaway set out on the goodwill mission from San Diego.

The Catholic Welfare Service will concentrate their part of the shipment at two major centre points—St. Theresa's Church in Kowloon and Raimondi College in Hongkong.

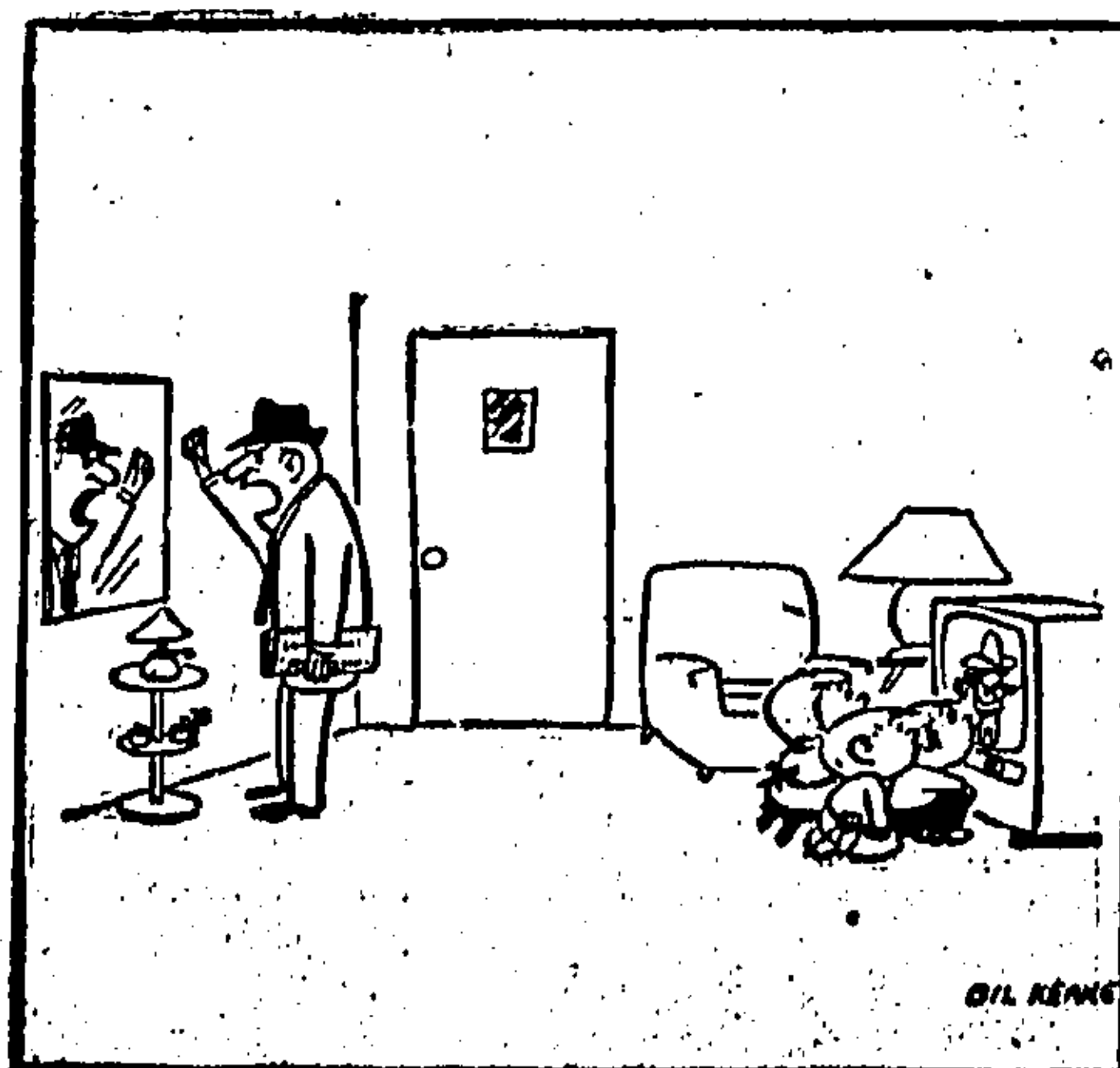
Sorting of the parcels and bundles will start tomorrow to be in time for distribution during Christmas.

Army Gives Clothing To Poor

Lieut-Col A. B. Dick, RAMC, presented bundles of warm clothing collected from all units of the Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison for distribution among the poor people in the Colony to Miss Madge Newcombe, Secretary of the Hongkong World Refugee Year Committee this morning.

Miss Newcombe expressed her gratitude and said that some of the clothing was already being allocated to refugees in Rennie's Mill, also to St. Thomas' Clinic and School and the Hongkong Protestant Relief Organisation.

This Funny World



"Hello, Daddy! You're home!"

From the Files

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December, 1934

Bansali, former editor-in-chief of the Young India, weekly organ of the followers of Mahatma Gandhi, has sewed up his lips with iron thread, leaving only a small aperture, through which small portions of food can pass, according to an announcement appearing in a recent issue of the publication.

Deciding to embrace the sacred orders of his faith, the former journalist will rigorously observe the prescribed rule of silence.

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RACIAL hatred flared up in Shelbyville, Tennessee, when a crowd attempted to lynch a negro, charged with attacking a white girl.

Foiled by the authorities, the mob sought to lynch the sheriff. The militia, infantry and cavalry were called out, and a state of emergency proclaimed. Clashes occurred in various parts of the town and before the mob had dispersed they had:

- Burnt the \$150,000 courthouse to the ground,
- Destroyed four militia trucks,
- Set fire to a negro hotel,
- Threatened to dynamite the waterworks and gasol,
- And left two dead, two dying and seven seriously injured on the streets.

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The report of the directors of the China Light and Power Company Ltd., to be presented at the annual meeting next Thursday, December 27, states:

"After making, in the opinion of your directors, full provision for expenses incidental to the conduct of the undertaking, the working account shows a profit of \$1,240,927.04.

"The Directors recommend a dividend of 45 cents for Old Shares allotted prior to October, 1933, and proportional amounts on shares allotted subsequent to that date."

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"Race punters," Early Bird, the Morning Post racing correspondent, says, "await with mixed feelings the introduction of the new betting system which is being tried out at Fanning tomorrow for the first time."

"Visitors from Australia, aver that the system is very popular 'down under' and declare that the Fanning Hunt and Race Club, and backers generally, will benefit by the change."

"It is the first meeting under the National Hunt Rules, and backers will be asked to choose prime favourites, for winners seem to be well-hidden in a card which consists of five mixed events, including the ever-popular Ladies Race. The first race starts at 2.30 p.m. prompt."